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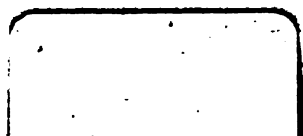
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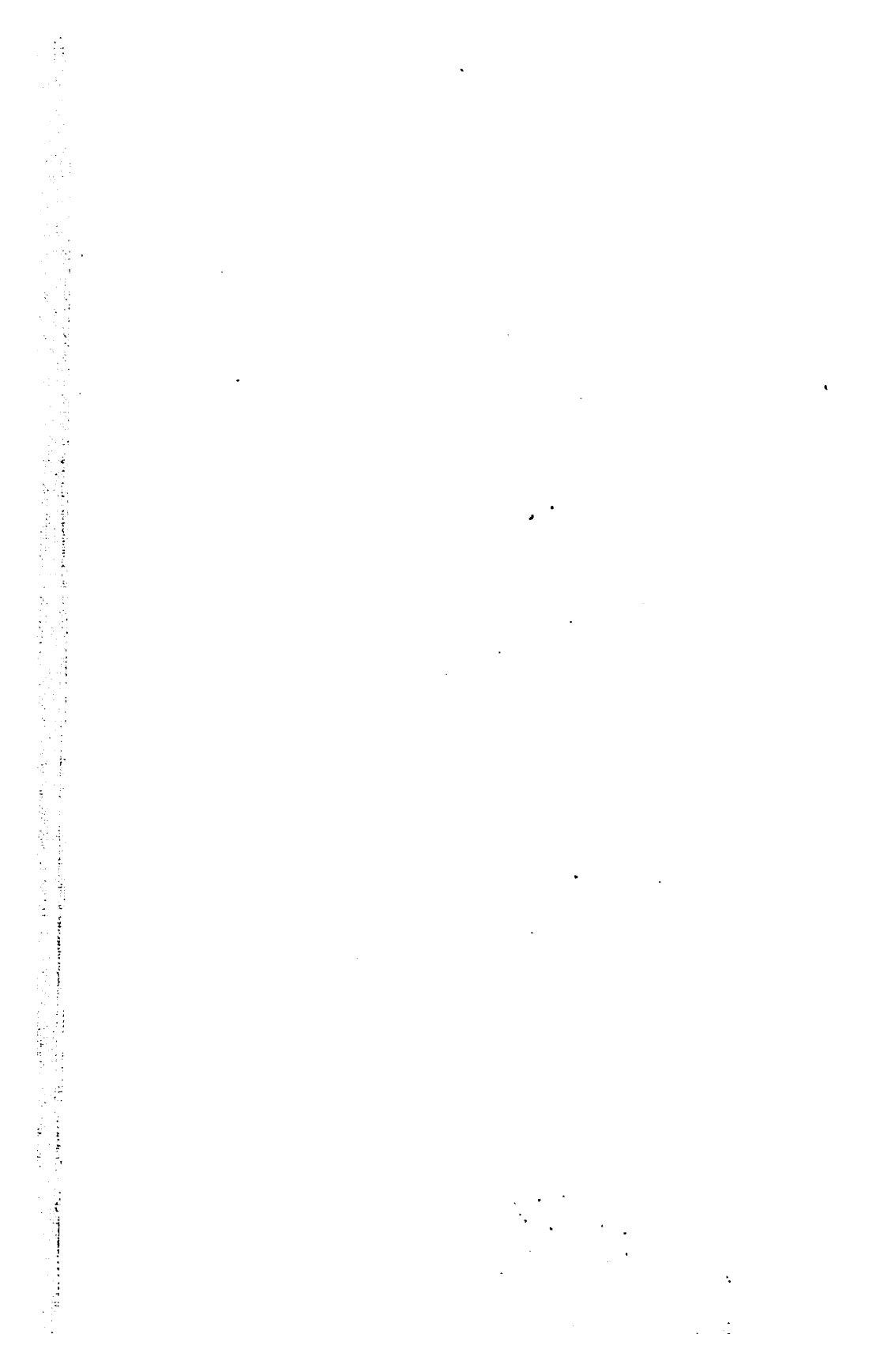
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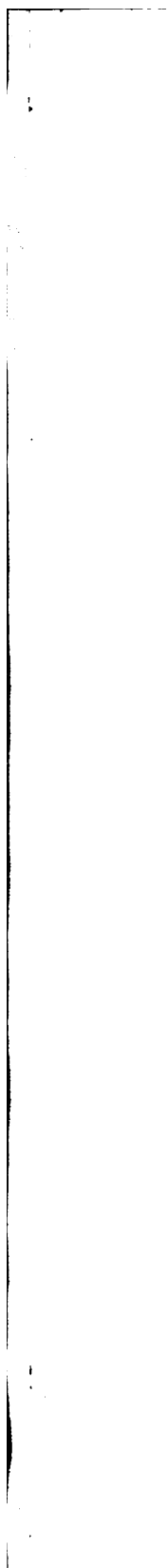
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OF THE

CITY OF ST. PAUL

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1904.

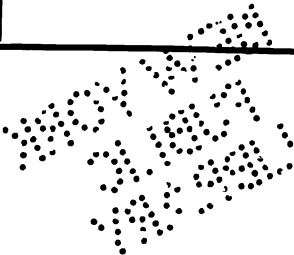
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JOHN HENRY ALLEN,
1839-1904.



IN MEMORIAL.

Profound sorrow filled the hearts of the remaining members of the Park Commission over the death of Hon. John Henry Allen and his loss was felt to be most severe. His death, which occurred on April 24, 1904, was followed by the adoption of the following resolution by his associates on the Commission:

Resolved, That with feelings of profoundest sadness, we record the loss of our valued friend and associate, John Henry Allen, who died in this city on the 24th inst.

His loss will be so keenly felt, that we desire to ^{34 f}express our testimonial of our appreciation of his great work. Able, upright and willing in all matters of public interest and duty, he carried with him at all times a courtly grace and genial kindness, which, coupled with his sterling integrity and noble character, closely endeared him to all of his associates.

The Board of Park Commissioners, hereby express to his family their deep sorrow and earnest sympathy, in the loss of their dear member and respected associate.

Resolved, Further, That the Secretary of this Board is hereby instructed to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the family of our late colleague.

Adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners April 27, 1904.

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OFFICERS

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 1, 1904 TO MARCH 1, 1905.

J. A. WHEELOCK,
President.

DANIEL ABERLE,
Vice President.

GEORGE T. REDINGTON,
Secretary.

FRED NUSSBAUMER,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
FOR 1904.

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PARK BOARD.

For years the park department has been hobbling on two lame legs—lack of money and lack of the legal powers necessary to carry on the work of park extension and improvement which has been pressing for speedy accomplishment. The park law is full of defects which impair the efficiency of the board—some of them so vital as to paralyze it in some of its most essential functions. It needs a thorough revision to make it a fitting instrument of the work for which the park board was created. It was therefore, a great disappointment that, notwithstanding the attempt made in 1903 to cure the imperfections of the Home Rule law, the Charter Commission of last year found itself without power to make a revision of the charter as a whole, and could only propose amendments to be voted on separately. Of the three amendments to the park law adopted by the Commission one only received the required three-fifths of the total vote. This amendment increased the maximum appropriation for park purposes from \$75,000 to \$90,000, in addition to any unexpended balances of the park fund, and to all moneys received from the operation of the administrative machinery of the department—thus restoring the efficacy of park law provisions of the first importance, which had been indirectly abrogated by the charter of 1900.

This increase in the park fund will suffice for present wants, but with the necessary and inevitable growth of our park system it will again, in a very few years, prove inadequate. It is, therefore, to be regretted that

the Charter Commission did not accede to the request of this board that the park fund be permanently fixed at one mill on the dollar of the assessed property valuation of the city, as at Minneapolis. Thus the park fund would gradually increase with the gradual growth of the city and with the corresponding expansion of our park system. The board should neglect no opportunity to have the park fund established on this broad and equitable foundation.

The two other amendments intended to cure certain radical defects of the provisions of the park law relating to the condemnation of land for park purposes, though supported by a large majority of the popular vote, failed to secure the requisite three-fifths of the total vote cast. Their defeat was a serious misfortune, for until these amendments become law the board cannot move a step in the acquisition of land for park or parkway purposes, except by the voluntary consent of the owners. Efforts are therefore now being made to secure legislation to that end during the present session. It is needless to say that there is no work now before the board more urgent or more important than to secure the passage of the bill embodying these amendments.

Most of the land now needed for park and parkway purposes can only be acquired by purchase. And the only way in which much of it can be acquired at reasonable prices is by condemnation. The bill in question, if enacted into law, will give the board the power it does not now possess—to cause the condemnation of land it desires to purchase. But this power will be useless without money to effect the purchase. The board has no money for the purpose. Hence the great importance of the bill now before the legislature amending and giving effect to the abortive act passed two years ago, authorizing the common council, by a two-thirds vote, upon the unanimous request of the park board, to issue bonds in the maximum sum of one hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be required for the purchase of land for park and parkway purposes. The passage of these two bills will enable the board to carry to speedy consummation its plans of park and parkway extension now pressing for immediate accomplishment—such as the completion of the Riverside parkway to Fort Snelling bridge on the south and to the Minneapolis East Side boulevard on the north, the widening of Como avenue between Rice street and the bridge over the Great Northern tracks, and the rounding out of the southern boundaries of Como Park.

A NEW PARK.

But in spite of the legal and pecuniary disabilities which have hampered the work of the board, it is gratifying to be able to state that the past year has witnessed considerable advances in the extension and im-

provement of our park and parkway system. The acquisition of about ten acres in the Sixth ward on the north side of Cherokee avenue, between the High bridge and Ohio street, including the bluff to its base, is an interesting addition to our park areas, especially in its relation to the long-cherished scheme of a parkway along and including the bluff on the so-called "West Side" to Mendota. But it has an independent value of its own. It embraces a space of several acres on top of the bluff of irregular outline and broken surface contours, commanding a fine view of the valley and of the city, which can be worked at small expense into a charming outlook and neighborhood park. Its entire cost to the city was \$8,367. Its actual cost was more than this, but was reduced to this sum by the sale of the buildings thereon and by donations of land and money by citizens owning property fronting on Cherokee avenue. Without the aid thus contributed it would have been impossible to have acquired this park—and this fact forms a cogent reason why the board should take immediate steps to improve it. The donors should have due credit in the formal records of the board.

Its thanks are especially due to Mr. R. L. Graham, by whose active efforts these donations were chiefly secured, and whose zealous assistance was always at the service of the board. This park project may be said to have grown out of the donation by Mr. A. T. Rosen of a tract of bluff land fronting 300 feet on Cherokee avenue, opposite his residence, for a park. In making public acknowledgment of this donation it is proper to state that, as an inducement thereto, Mr. Graham, his next door neighbor, paid Mr. Rosen the sum of \$200, thus setting an example of liberal public spirit by a man of small means, which renders an apparently small matter worthy of this public mention.

THE CONTRACT LAW.

It is to be noted that this park was acquired chiefly under the law which authorizes park boards to contract on behalf of the city for the purchase of land for park and parkway purposes, but limits the expenditure in any one year to eight thousand dollars. This law has proved of great value to the park board of this city. It was chiefly under its provisions that the land was acquired for the enlargement of Indian Mounds park, from seventeen to nearly seventy acres; that forty acres of splendid woodland was purchased for enlarging Phalen park; that an important beginning was made in widening Como avenue, by the purchase of the two tracts now being utilized for play grounds, and that several beautiful acres have been added to Como park. Although applicable only to purchases involving small amounts of money and available only at intervals when its legal margin had not been absorbed, it has

enabled the board to improve its opportunities to purchase a large amount of much needed park land, usually at advantageous prices. I am now informed that the new code, as reported by the Commission, repeals this very useful law. No effort should be spared to prevent such repeal.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The report of the superintendent chronicles with sufficient detail the park improvements which have been made during the past year. The most important, or at least the most conspicuous, are those made at the street railway entrance to Como park by the St. Paul City Railway Company, in conformity with the requirements of this board in connection with the substitution of double tracks for the single track loop on which the cars had previously ran. The tracks now run under a handsome roadway bridge of iron and concrete material faced with sandstone, over which a continuation of Lexington avenue affords a dignified entrance for teams to the park. A concrete foot bridge moulded into forms of architectural elegance, ensures the safety of passengers in crossing over the tracks, which a dividing fence renders impassable at the surface. There is yet to be constructed a shelter station on the south side of the tracks, to the cost of which the company has agreed to contribute \$3,000. At present no plan has been matured for a shelter building on the north side of the tracks nearer than the old station, which, in consequence of the changed location of the tracks, is now at an inconvenient distance from the landing.

The plans of the superintendent for the improvement and ornamentation of the block—about four acres in extent—in which these structures are mainly grouped seem to be well adapted to give an attractive setting to this noble railway entrance to the park.

The next most important improvement is the completion of the Riverside roadway to Randolph street. There is no more beautiful driveway in America than is now at the service of the public from Marshall avenue to Randolph street. As it seems likely to end there for some time to come it is highly important that the section of Randolph street from the Riverside road to Cleveland avenue be put in condition for carriage travel.

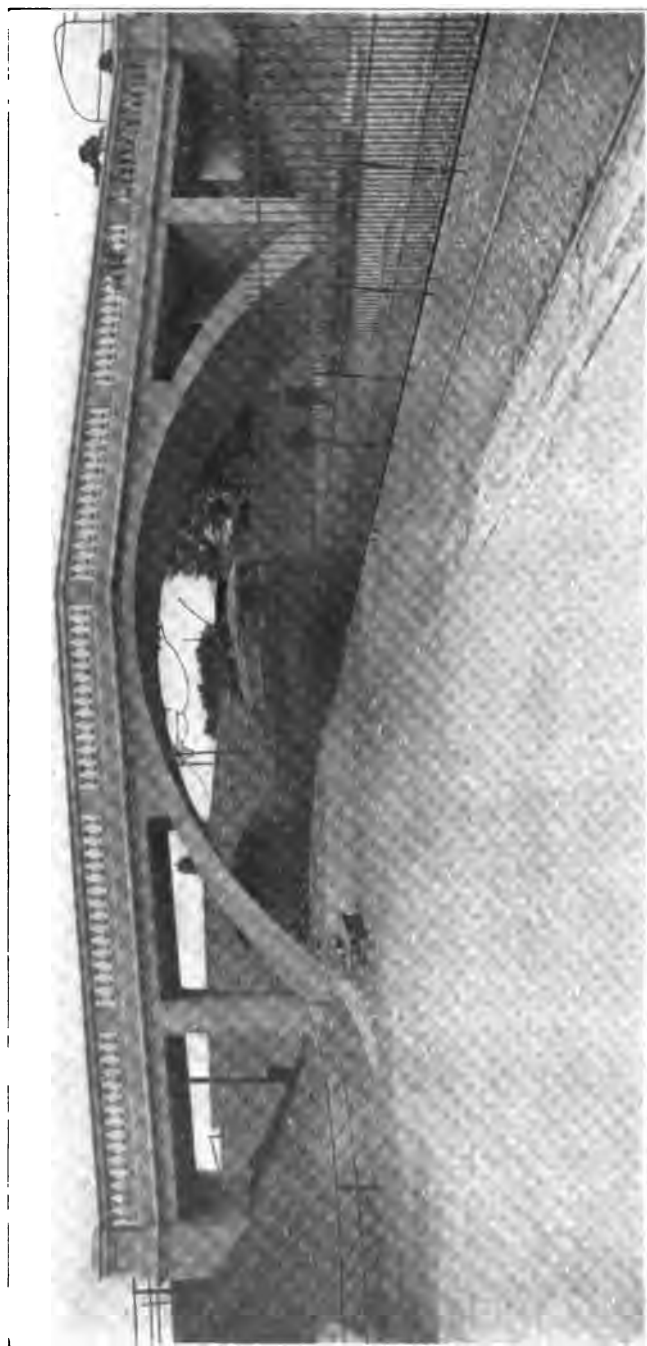
PHALEN PARK.

At this writing the extension of the street car tracks at Phalen Park is still awaiting the settlement of the controversy between the city and the Street Railway Company. This necessarily involves a corresponding delay in the construction and operation of the amusement and recreative

apparatus which has been contracted for; but the work of improvement in other ways has been pushed with characteristic energy by the superintendent as detailed in his report. Meanwhile it is of urgent importance that effective measures be taken to put an end to the long delays which have been encountered in securing the strips of land outside the city limits needed for the extension of the contemplated boulevard along the east and north shore of Lake Phalen to the mouth of Phalen creek and along that creek or rather along the waterway for motor boats which is to be made by widening and deepening that creek. It was expected that the owners of the land needed for this section of the lake shore boulevard would fully donate it for the purpose, in view of the large benefits that would accrue to them from the driveway. Most of them have at one time or another agreed to do this, but two of them at least have held back and the legislation which was obtained some years ago authorizing condemnation proceedings is, for various reasons, of doubtful utility. The only practicable method of securing these boulevards under existing laws seems to be to invoke the agency of the board of county commissioners. This has already been done in the case of the strip 250 feet wide and required for the Phalen creek boulevard and water way. It is pleasant to record that in response to this proposition they have promised their action and hearty co-operation in the effort to secure this land by voluntary donation if possible, and in the last resort by legal measures. There seems to be no reason why the assistance of this body of public-spirited officials may not also be successfully sought for any legal proceedings which may be necessary for securing the land along the lake shore outside the city limits which cannot be obtained by donation.

There can be no doubt that, with the extension of the street railway into Phalen park, the resources of the railroad company will be taxed to accommodate the crowds of visitors who will be attracted by the singular beauties of that park and by the opportunities for aquatic and other special forms of recreation and amusement which will be afforded them in much larger measure than in Como Park.

With the progress of the proposed improvements including the opening of the boatway to Lake Gervais it will become every year a more and more popular resort, provided the means are furnished for properly lighting it. This is a serious problem. To fully develop its attractions the scheme of illumination should include the electric arc lighting of the shores and shore boulevards of Lake Phalen and of the waterway between Lakes Phalen and Gervais. The street railway company will derive such large revenues from carrying visitors to and from this park that it should contribute liberally towards an adequate scheme of illumination on which its attractions for night visitors will chiefly depend.



FOOT BRIDGE OVER CAR TRACKS, COMO PARK.

LEXINGTON PARKWAY.

If the assessment for the widening of Lexington avenue should go through without further legal complications, I am sure the board will agree with me that no time should be lost or energy spared in carrying out the plan of improving it already determined upon. It is hoped that the result may be known in time for the proposed tree plantings along the avenue from Summit avenue to Como park, during the early spring months. It is full time that the pitiable nakedness of this leading approach to Como park should be clothed with the beauty of trees. The roadway, too, is in wretched condition and public expectation, so long thwarted by delays and disappointments, will be impatient for its improvement. At the same time measures should be taken, if possible, to secure the promised co-operation of the Northern Pacific Railway Company in the grading of a subway under its tracks now crossing Lexington avenue at the surface, and building a concrete triple arch bridge over it to sustain the tracks. As this bridge would form a leading gateway to Como park, it is not unreasonable to hope that its design may conform to a high standard of architectural merit. All this work should be done, if possible, during the season of 1905 and 1906. In that event, with the grading of Lexington avenue down to the established level of the adjacent park, the only remaining obstacle to carrying out the contemplated improvements in the long-neglected southwest eighty acres of Como park is the occupation of its most conspicuous corner by the city workhouse. The progress of these improvements will lend fresh emphasis to the absurdity of maintaining a prison for thieves and vagrants on grounds dedicated to the innocent enjoyment of the public. The old fiction which sought to justify its illegal location there by the alleged advantages of having a large stock of prison labor available for park work has been long since exploded. It has been demonstrated that under the conditions which usually control the employment of this labor, it takes from eight to ten prisoners to do the work of one free laborer. Even so, such labor was usefully employed in the rough work of road making when the park was an isolated solitude. But the beastly indecencies to which these prisoners are addicted renders it impossible to employ them in a park swarming with women and children. Other reasons render it impolitic to do so. The time has not arrived when the city can afford to erect a new workhouse in a more fitting location. But it needs to be kept steadily in mind by the public authorities that it has no right to be there—that it is radically incompatible with its surroundings—and that it is only suffered to remain there temporarily until some more suitable place can be provided for it.

THE JAPANESE TEA GARDEN.

Thanks to the munificent public spirit of Dr. Rudolph Schiffman, Como park will be equipped next summer with a unique attraction in a Japanese tea garden now in course of construction in accordance with plans furnished by Mr. Itchikawa, the landscape gardener of the Emperor of Japan. Como park was already indebted to Dr. Schiffman for the superb spray fountain which forms one of its most pleasing features.

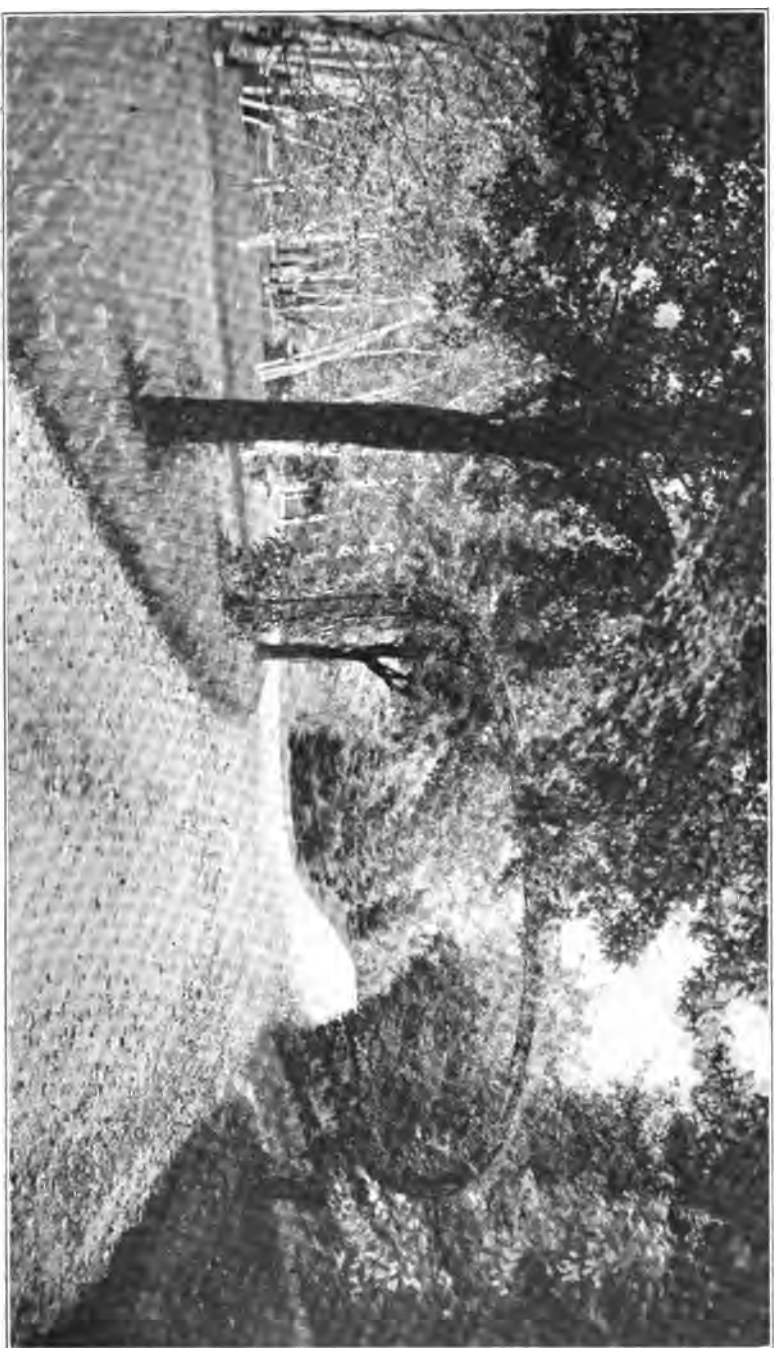
There is plenty of room in Como park for like monuments of artistic taste and civic generosity on the part of citizens of St. Paul who have more money than they know what to do with.

A NEW PAVILION NEEDED.

The most urgent need of Como park at this time is a new and enlarged refreshment and music pavilion. The present structure has long been outgrown by the increasing crowds of visitors and is in the last stage of rickety decay. The plans prepared by the superintendent, at the request of the board, contemplate a building of just three times the dimensions of the present one—170 by 150 feet—with a covered music auditorium and ample warming rooms in the basement for winter skaters. Such a building is absolutely necessary for the accommodation of the multitudes of visitors which throng Como park in the summer months. But it would cost at least \$35,000, and where it is to come from is a problem yet unsolved. The only thing clear about it is that it must come, if at all, from sources outside any funds at the command of the board.

SEABURY PLACE.

The appropriations made by the common council, at the instance of Mr. Channing Seabury of the capitol commission, for acquiring the triangular block west of the capitol for the purpose of widening Park avenue and of clearing the rest of the block of buildings and converting it in an open space or public park, relieves this board of a task which naturally devolved upon it, but which it was without the power to accomplish, for it is closely related to the scheme of a boulevard through Park and Como avenues to Como park, which the board is only awaiting the pecuniary means and the legal power to accomplish. This small park when acquired will doubtless be placed under the care of the park board. The suggestion that it be named Seabury Place will be generally concurred in.



COZY LAKE AVE., COMO PARK

THE CAPITOL PLAZA.

The new state capitol will soon be completed, but the work of the capitol commission will not be finished until it has obtained from the legislature the power and the means to acquire the pieces of adjacent property necessary to round out the grounds in front of the capitol in the semi-circular plaza proposed by its architect. Although this matter is outside the jurisdiction of the park board, the state capitol and its environment and approaches are such paramount factors in the scheme of making St. Paul a beautiful city and is thus so closely allied to the functions of the park board, that it would neglect an important public duty if it failed to lend any assistance in its power in furtherance of the superb plans proposed by Cass Gilbert for beautifying the surroundings and approaches of the splendid edifice which the state and its capital city owe to his brilliant genius.

PLAYGROUNDS.

That there is a rational philosophy of moral as well as physical hygiene behind the widespread civic movement for children's playgrounds which appeals to the common sense and active sympathies of the public is shown by the large majority of the popular vote in this city which ratified the charter amendment submitted by the charter commission authorizing the city council to appropriate \$10,000 a year for acquiring and maintaining such playgrounds in this city—an endorsement bestowed on only six of the fifteen amendments submitted. It is unfortunate that the amendment did not go farther and create or authorize the creation of a commission to have charge of the work of acquiring and managing the playgrounds. The playground committee, the joint offspring of the Commercial Club and the Civic League, did such excellent work with the small fund placed at its disposal last year that it was the general desire that it should have supervision of the larger field opened up by the adoption of this amendment. But it was found that the council had no power to create any new offices or to clothe private citizens with authority to disburse public moneys—and the best that could be done was to place the playgrounds and the expenditures therefor under the official supervision of the board of park commissioners. Although the care of public playgrounds is entirely germane to the functions of the park board and an important part of its duties is to provide playgrounds in the public parks, it seems to me obvious that, so far as children's playgrounds outside the public parks are concerned, better results will be secured by placing them in charge of a special committee selected by such voluntary associations of public spirited men and women as the Commercial Club and

the Civic League. The park board has enough to do—more than enough, perhaps—to attend to its already multifarious duties, and its executive officers could hardly find time to devote to the development of children's playgrounds throughout the city the concentrated and watchful attention necessary to the best success of the work. A playground committee representing such voluntary associations as have been mentioned would enlist a much wider circle of workers for the public good and stimulate their zeal by opening a new field of beneficent activity to their energies. It would be highly useful to the park board to have close relations with such a body. But the active work of playground development outside of the public parks, should, it seems to me, devolve upon a body representing the aggressive public spirit of those of our citizens who are especially interested in the work—and it is to be hoped that the charter may be so amended as to provide for the creation of such a body.

J. A. WHEELOCK.

Report of Superintendent of Parks.

To the Honorable,

The Board of Park Commissioners of St. Paul.

Gentlemen:—

I herewith submit to you a report of the work done under your directions during the year 1904, together with a few suggestions and recommendations, relating to the future need of improvements, and general betterment of our park system.

IMPROVEMENTS.

1.

The new street railway station entrance to Como Park built by the Street Railway Co., was completed in July. The company under a previous agreement was to build a roadway bridge where its tracks cross Lexington Parkway. This structure is built of iron and concrete with a sandstone facing 50 feet in length, 38 feet in width and 14½ feet high to the center of the arch. The company also built a concrete arch foot bridge for passengers across its tracks at the station.

This bridge is of a tasty design elaborately finished and without question, one of the most artistic structures of its kind. The company also did all the grading of the grounds and filling of the approaches. In connection with these changes made by the company the Board decided to improve the surrounding grounds according to submitted plans in keeping with the structural improvements. The treatment of the grounds will be somewhat formal. One square will be devoted to an old fashioned or colonial flower garden, the planting of which is practically done. The whole block of ground is to be framed in with hedges and the trees and shrubs will be planted in straight lines, somewhat radiating from the central features which are the above described architectural structures.

The total expenditures to that Board, so far are \$1,567.75.

2.

GREENHOUSE.

A small annex had to be built to the greenhouse for the purpose of housing the plants donated by Dr. R. Schiffmann for the proposed Japanese Garden.

A large number of steam pipes in the old houses which had become corroded were replaced by new ones. This together with some minor changes in the steam heating plant, caused an expenditure of \$1,276.93.

3.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS.

The playgrounds for children on the family picnic grounds in Como Park, were equipped with two aerial swings. In addition to the spaces for a running track, baseball grounds, tennis court and for gymnastic exercise in the large picnic ground were prepared and part of the latter apparatus was put up.

The cost of these items was \$263.27.

4.

LEXINGTON PARKWAY.

While the condemnation for the land necessary for widening this avenue, is not yet complete, that portion of the driveway near the park entrance has been macadamized for a distance of 600 feet at a cost of \$273.33. This section of the roadway runs across a somewhat low and muggy ground, where driving during wet weather was almost impossible.

5.

PUBLIC BATHS APPROACH.

Although the Board of Park Commissioners consider the public baths and its approach properly under the jurisdiction of the City Health Department, it was never unwilling to assist that Department in beautifying the grounds. During the past season, \$304.37 was spent for hauling black earth and planting trees and shrubs.

6.

RIVERSIDE PARK AND PARKWAY.

One mile additional roadway was finished during the past season and opened to travel, 2,656 yards of stone were crushed and together with 1,692 loads of gravel were hauled and spread on the roadway. The steam roller was at work for 22 days and the driveway is in fairly good condition, 12 culverts for drainage and water courses were necessary.

The whole expenses were \$4,889.36.

7.

PHALEN PARK.

A large amount of work was done in this park during the last season. The Board purchased 75 row boats and a 65-foot gasoline launch. A boat dock 100 feet long was built in the early summer. A house for the custodian was built and also a public comfort house.

The dredge boat was in operation for 114 days, excavating a total of 92,340 yards of material at a cost of \$2,231.54, including repairs. The repairs of the dredge boat consisted of renewing the dipper and frame. The spurts and frames for the swinging of the crane will have to be repaired before next season's work can be commenced.

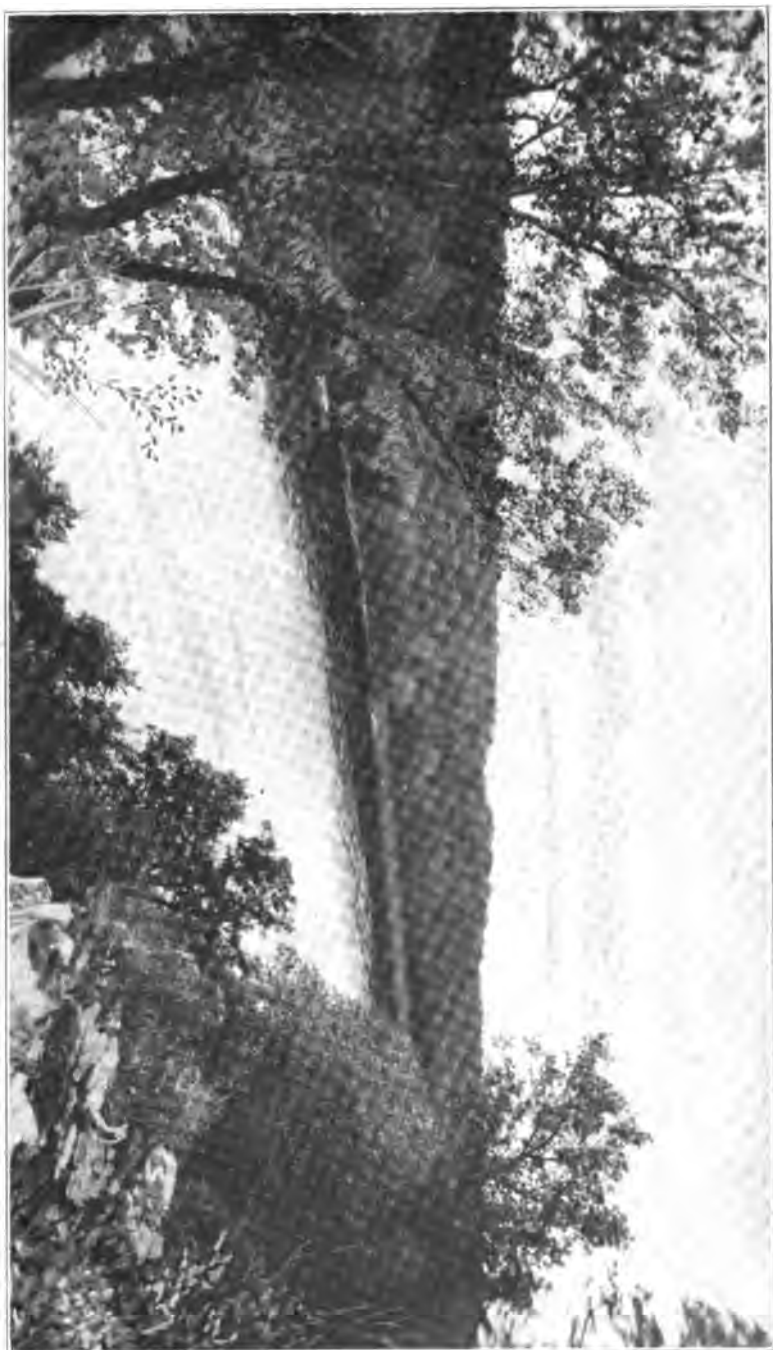
About one-half mile of roadway was graded and rolled with the horse roller and 3,879 yards of material were moved for the filling in of low ground. Sixty-seven, 3-inch elms were planted along Earl Street.

The total amount expended during the year was \$14,052.91.

8.

SUMMIT PARK.

The improvements consisted of widening the base of the soldiers' monument and of resodding the triangular plot of ground on which it stands. The whole expense incurred was \$275.38, of which there was paid to the Board by Acker Post G. A. R. \$230.31.



REVERSIDE PARK.

9.

HAMM PARK.

A new acquisition to our park system, consisting of a triangular piece of ground at the intersection of Seventh Street and Cable Avenue, containing five-tenths of an acre and donated by Park Commissioner Hamm. This ground was graded, sodded and planted with trees. Water connections were made and water pipes with hose connections were put in. The cost was \$471.45.

10.

OAKLAND PARK.

This park is practically in an unfinished condition. The improvements made this season consisted of a wooden rail fence built along Pleasant Avenue to protect the children's orchard which was started in the upper section of the park.

The expenses were \$162.98.

11.

COMMONWEALTH PARK.

The grading of ground which was left unfinished from the year before was completed and 29 trees and 18 shrubs were planted. The amount spent was \$137.57.

This park is very much in need of water connections. Both the upper and lower roadways are constantly in bad repair and occasionally the park improvements are damaged by washouts from this cause.

12.

MAINTENANCE.

Cutting Grass on City Streets.

A total of 143,780 feet of street lawns were cared for during the season. Owing to the rainy season which stimulated the growth of all vegetation, the labor for cutting grass was greatly increased so that in most instances the cost to the property owners reached the allowed limit of 2 cents per foot.

13.

GRASS CUTTING ON CITY STREETS, 1904.

	Feet.
Iglehart street, Farrington to Lexington.....	15,255
Summit avenue, Dale to Lexington.....	9,384
Portland avenue, Western to Victoria.....	6,395
Summit avenue, Wabasha to Dale.....	5,429
Western avenue, Summit to Carroll.....	592
Burr street, Collins to Magnolia.....	8,094
Aurora avenue, Rice to Dale.....	9,474
Marion street, Fuller to Charles.....	1,996
St. Peter street, Aurora to Central.....	1,120
Hall avenue, Isabel to Prospect Terrace.....	1,385
Hague avenue, Dale to Victoria.....	4,660
Laurel avenue, Dale to Chatsworth.....	6,857
Portland avenue, Victoria to Oxford.....	3,333
Grand avenue, Avon to Victoria.....	1,204
Grand avenue, Floral to Grotto.....	4,085
Lincoln avenue, Oakland to Victoria.....	6,396
Avon street, Summit to Osceola.....	3,200
Goodrich avenue, Dale to Victoria.....	4,811
Osceola avenue, Pleasant to Victoria.....	4,271
Fairmont street, Dale to Victoria.....	4,739
Holly avenue, Dale to Victoria.....	4,803
Ashland avenue, Dale to Victoria.....	4,800
Marshall avenue, Cleveland to Wheeler.....	5,662
Dayton avenue, Dewey to Howell.....	1,000
Dewey avenue, St. Anthony to University.....	2,064
Feronia avenue, Prior to Fairview.....	2,118
Iglehart street, Cleveland to Wheeler.....	5,350
Carroll street, Wheeler to Wilder.....	4,883
Wheeler avenue, University to Shields.....	989
Carroll street, Mackubin to Chatsworth.....	9,431
Total	143,780
27.23 miles.	

14.

SUMMIT AVENUE BOULEVARD.

From Lexington Avenue to the river, a distance of two and one-half miles was taken care of at an expense of \$1,058.52.

15.

COMO AVENUE BOULEVARD.

During the last year the Board was finally successful in having the lines of telephone and electric wires removed.

The shade trees along the avenue will now have a chance for undisturbed growth.

An expenditure of \$207.43 kept this boulevard with its roadway grass plats and cycle paths in good condition.

16.

LEWIS PARK.

Containing one and two-tenths acres is steadily growing into a beautiful breathing spot and has done much to stimulate home owners in the neighborhood to improve their door yards. Expenses were, \$207.07.

17.

TERRACE AND ALICE PARKS.

Both in the Sixth Ward and only partially improved, awaiting the long-deferred but not abandoned acquisition of adjacent land which owing to its topographical condition is worthless for any other than park purposes.

The maintenance expenses for the west side parks were \$123.90.

18.

LANGFORD PARK.

Containing nine and three-tenths acres is a most effective neighbor-

hood park. Its development in tree and shrub growth makes it an attractive spot for visitors. The park lawns were top dressed with well rotted manure, trees were trimmed and new park benches supplied. An adjacent triangular piece of ground was filled and graded.

The total cost was \$508.31.

19.

SUMMIT PARK.

Was kept in its usual good condition. A number of trees were broken down by the wind of August 21. Some of the damaged trees were trimmed up, others had to be cut down.

The total expenses were \$235.16.

20.

HAMPDEN PARK.

A beautiful breathing spot of two and eight-tenths acres in St. Anthony Park South was also considerably damaged by the wind storm of August 21st. The maintenance and labor necessary to repair the storm damage caused an outlay of \$219.69.

21.

CARPENTER PARK.

At the intersection of Summit Avenue and Ramsey Street, together with Portland Place, Point of View and Holcomb Park, were all attended to by one man. The money expended to keep these several places in first-class condition was \$208.23.

22.

SMITH PARK.

Containing two acres located in the wholesale district of the city was one of the heaviest sufferers by the wind storm of August 21st. Not more than five trees were left standing and these were badly twisted and broken. It was at once decided to try and save the trees, so new holes

were dug, the trees trimmed and topped, and by means of ropes, snatch blocks and teams, the trees were all raised and reset, every one of these showing new growth right after the operation.

The expenses for Smith Park for the season were \$266.69.

23.

INDIAN MOUNDS PARK.

The previously improved portions of this park were kept in good condition. Owing to heavy rainfalls during the season, causing wash-outs to walks and roads, necessitated a heavier expense for maintenance, than would have been expended otherwise, but on the other hand, the copious rains were very beneficial to the very extensive tree and shrubbery planting as no watering was necessary. The total expense for this park during the season was \$3,155.26.

24.

IRVINE PARK.

This park received a top dressing. Only nominal damage was done to its trees by the wind. The grounds were kept in good condition.

The expenses were \$235.66.

25.

CENTRAL PARK.

By narrowing the roadway a strip of four feet was added to the boulevard both on its upper and lower sides. The space so gained was graded and used for the planting of a line of elm trees on each side of the boulevard. This improved the appearance of the strip between these two driveways very much. The storm broke some of the trees in this park, but the damage was not great.

The expense for the year was \$581.36.

26.

RICE PARK.

Two old decayed soft maple trees were removed and replaced with

elms. The flower beds were planted as usual, and the park was kept in first-class condition.

Expenses were \$438.75.

27.

LAFAYETTE PARK.

The most storm-damaged of our parks on August 21st. Its large trees were a tangled and twisted mass of trunks and branches, wire and debris from damaged houses in the vicinity. By cleaning up it was found that only eleven of the smaller trees could be saved, these were raised and reset. It will take years for the damaged trees to recover.

The expense of the season's work in this park was \$335.80.

28.

IRIS PARK.

Containing close to two acres and with its lake, forms a unique and desirable beauty spot. The trees and shrubbery made satisfactory growth and the lawn spaces were well kept.

The maintenance cost was \$133.32.

29.

MERRIAM TERRACE PARK.

This park has an area of seven and seven-tenths acres and is well covered with large white oak trees. Unfortunately it was in the path of the storm of August 21st and more than 50 per cent of its tree growth was totally destroyed. A flight of cement stone steps should be built at its Moore Avenue entrance. The whole park received a top dressing of well rotted manure.

The expenses for the season's work were \$567.73.

30.

PHALEN PARK.

The maintenance and expenses amounted to \$1,724.80 and were for

the following purposes: Park police and watchmen, \$1,301.37, boats and boatmen, \$422.75, gasoline and supplies for launch and pumping water \$60.68. The boat receipts at the park were \$920.85, which is a remarkably large amount, considering that the visitors can only reach the park by a long and tedious walk.

31.

RIVERSIDE PARK.

The roadways were kept in good condition. A watchman was kept on duty the whole season to prevent malicious destruction of trees and woodland growth and check an irresistible habit of boys, rifle shooting. The expense or maintenance was \$336.00.

32.

CARE OF TREES AND SHRUBS.

The park and boulevard plantings since 1891 is in its total 46,971 trees and shrubs. Of this our Como Park nursery furnished 40,070, the balance were purchased. The care of these trees and shrubs entailed a great deal of expense as a large number of them are half hardy and must be covered for the winter. The trimming, watering and top dressing, also must have constant attention and these items during the last season, cost \$542.11. In addition to the above, some trimming was done for outside parties for which the receipts were \$129.37.

33.

TREE PLANTING.

During the last season 6,753 trees and shrubs were planted as follows: Indian Mounds Park 3,137, Como Park 2,671, Phalen Park 89. The balance, 856, going to Rice, Central, Hamm and Commonwealth Parks, Riverside Park, Parkway and Public Baths.

The total cost for this work being \$565.71.



RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD.

34.

TREE PLANTING, SEASON 1904

COMO PARK.

New Planted.

Buckthorns	1,587	Norway Spruce.....	35
Honeysuckles	30	Sumach	3
Wild shrubs.....	762	Jack Pine.....	30
Wild grape vines.....	89	Bull Pine.....	6
Irish Juniper.....	104		
Hemlocks	24	Total	2,671

Transplanted.

Dogwood	2	Hard Maple, large.....	3
Spiraea	2	Hackberry, large.....	1
Ash, large.....	3	Elms, large	14
Linden, large.....	10	Total	35

Replanted.

Elms	36	Box Elder.....	16
Soft Maple.....	12	Total	52

RICE PARK.

Elms, large.....	5
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CENTRAL PARK.

Elms	34
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PUBLIC BATHS.

Poplar	18	Elms	40
Ash	1	Lilacs	90
Willows	40	Total	139

PLAYGROUNDS.

Buckthorn	30	Elms	15
Lilacs	41	Total	86

PHALEN PARK.

Elms	61	Total	89
Wild shrubs.....	28		

ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION.

Buckthorn	50	Barberry	24
Honeysuckles	37	Lilacs	24
Willows	21	Total	152

INDIAN MOUNDS.

Wild snowballs.....	250	Iris transplanted.....	150
Virginia Creepers.....	100	Elms	320
Wild Honeysuckle.....	103	Lindens	30
Wild Hazle Brush.....	50	Snowballs	2
Willows	24	Barberry	6

Lilacs transplanted.....	60	Honeysuckles	6
Roses transplanted.....	60		
		Total	3,137

HAMM PARK.

Elms	31
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MISCELLANEOUS PLANTING.

Spruce	8	Lilacs	6
Horse Chestnuts.....	5	Snowballs	3
Highbush Cranberry.....	2	Hydranges	4
Sugar Maple.....	4	Catalpa	1
Elms	13	Buckthorn	1
Willows	2		
Honeysuckles	6	Total	55

ST. CLOUD REFORMATORY.

Elm seedlings.....	500	Hydrangea	4
Elms	10	Barberry	4
Snowballs	4		
		Total	522

MISSISSIPPI RIVER BOULEVARD.

Black Hills Spruce.....	150	Norway Spruce.....	153
Hemlocks	52		
		Total	355

COMMONWEALTH PARK.

Elms	29	Buckthorn	4
Honeysuckles	4	Lilacs	6
Elder	4		
		Total	47

STATE FAIR GROUNDS.

Lilacs	35
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BLACK EARTH.

	Loads.		
Public Baths.....	165	Summit Park Monument.....	4
Central Park.....	70		
St. Anthony Park.....	16	Total	255

TAKEN FROM NURSERY.

Elms	217	Ash	1
Boxelders	10	Barberry	34
Lindens	30	Catalpas	1
Soft Maple.....	12	Horse Chestnuts.....	5
Carolina Poplars.....	18	Hard Maples.....	4
Willows	66	Elm Seedlings.....	550
Lilacs	167	Elder	4
Snowballs	9	Jack Pine.....	30
Hydrangeas	8	Bull Pine.....	6
Honeysuckles	76	Norway Spruce.....	17
Buckthorns	1,672		
		Total	2,937

ADDITION TO NURSERY.

Irish Juniper	96	Norway Spruce.....	28
Black Hills Spruce.....	138	Horse Chestnut seedlings.....	2,370
Hemlocks	124		
		Total	2,756

35.

FLORAL DECORATION.

In all the parks the usual number of flower beds were maintained requiring a total number of 127,370 plants.

36.

NUMBER OF BEDDING PLANTS PLANTED IN EACH PARK.

Central Park.....	2,750	Fifth St. East.....	160
Rice Park.....	1,915	Lewis Park.....	155
Irvine Park.....	3,215	Indian Mounds Park.....	645
Court House.....	4,952	Wabasha Terrace.....	480
Carpenter Park....	945	Alice Park.....	330
Oakland Place.....	130	Fair Grounds.....	2,005
Crocus Hill.....	500	Terrace Park.....	160
Smith Park.....	910	Hamm Park.....	150
Holcombe Park.....	270	Harriet Island.....	2,580
Lafayette Park.....	1,163	Summit Park.....	800
Merriam Park.....	1,300	St. Paul Water Board.....	1,025
Langford Park.....	1,800	High School.....	250
Alden Place.....	135	St. Paul Fire Dept.....	690
Hampden Park.....	1,260	Como Park.....	88,531
Lake Iris Park.....	959	Miscellaneous	6,590
Fountain St.....	635		
		Total	127,370

37.

Closely allied to the floral decoration of our parks, is the maintenance of the

GREENHOUSE.

Where, in addition to the above number of bedding plants a great many varieties of tropical plants and palms are grown, the value of which is of sufficient importance to warrant the erection of better quarters for them, the present palm house is both inadequate and inconvenient.

38.

PLANTS IN GREENHOUSE.

Alternanthera	6,000	Geraniums	14,500
Abutilon	150	Grevillea	30
Acalypha	100	Glaadiolus	200
Anthericum	600	Gloxinia	25
Agave	20	Gnaphalium	350
Amaryllis	30	Hibiscus	75
Ageratum	500	Heliotrope	100
Achyranthes	1,500	Laurel trees.....	6
Aquatics, assorted.....	550	Musa	8
Begonias	190	Orchids	6
Caladium	300	Oleander	10
Carnation	250	Oxalis	25
Canna, assorted	11,000	Pilea	500
Coleus	10,000	Pelargonium	25



FOOT BRIDGE AT COZY LAKE, COMO PARK.

Cuphea	25	Palms, assorted.....	130
Chrysanthemums	200	Roses	500
Cyclamen	200	Salvia	500
Cyperus	100	Santolina	200
Dracaena	6	Sedum	400
Dahlia	100	Strobilanthes	75
Daisy	1,000	Thunbergia	25
Echeveria's	22,500	Vinca	600
Ferns	60	Vines, assorted.....	25
Fuchsia, assorted.....	50	Yucca	20
Ficus	75	Palms, assorted.....	150
		Total	73,991

An addition, unpretentious and hardly large enough, was built on to the greenhouse for the purpose of storing during the winter months a large number of valuable trees and shrubs, for the

39.

JAPANESE GARDEN.

Which, through the generosity of our public-spirited citizen, Dr. Rudolph Schiffman, is under progress of construction, and will by next summer pleasantly greet the visitors to Como Park.

40.

THE WORLD'S FAIR EXHIBIT.

Was not satisfactory as the material was not complete enough to form a tangible combination of the essentials of our park system. The time for the work was too short and I would recommend that all the material be completed for future use.

41.

THE NURSERY.

During the season 2,756 trees and shrubs were planted in rows, making the present total number of trees standing in the nursery 39,872. This added to 40,070, the total number taken out for planting, makes a grand total of 79,942 trees and shrubs handled since the nursery was established. The expenses for maintaining the nursery the past year were, for labor \$757.69, purchase of trees \$306.50, and freight charges \$37.45, making a total of \$1,101.64.

42.

NURSERY STOCK.

<i>Pinus divaricata</i> , Jack Pine, including 50 large.....	59
<i>Pinus ponderosa scopulorum</i> , Bull Pine, 50 large.....	125
<i>Pinus strobus</i> , White Pine, including 50 large.....	9
<i>Abies excelsa</i> , Norway Spruce, including 50 large.....	302
<i>Abies concolor</i> , Rocky Mountain Spruce.....	100
<i>Abies pungens</i> , Colorado Blue Spruce, including 40 large.....	77
<i>Pseudotsuga taxifolia</i> , Douglas Spruce, including 35 large.....	59
<i>Thuja occidentalis</i> , American Arborvitae.....	77
<i>Juniperus Virginiana</i> , Red Cedar.....	25
<i>Tilia Americana</i> , American Linden, 2½ inch.....	72
<i>Ulmus Americana</i> , American Elms, 2½ inch.....	712
<i>Ulmus Americana</i> , American Elms, 2 inch.....	1,080
<i>Ulmus Americana</i> , American Elms, 1 inch.....	4,560
<i>Ulmus Americana</i> , American Elms, ½ inch.....	2,850
<i>Ulmus Americana</i> , American Elms, seedlings.....	5,807
<i>Acer negundo</i> , Box Elder, 2½ inches.....	27
<i>Acer neyundo</i> , Box Elder, 2 inches.....	2,540
<i>Acer Alba</i> , Soft Maple, 2 inches.....	257
<i>Acer saccharum</i> , Sugar Maple.....	143
<i>Fraxinus</i> , Ash, 2½ inches.....	102
<i>Fraxinus</i> , Ash, 1 inch.....	465
<i>Populus monilifera</i> , Carolina Poplar, 2 inch.....	392
<i>Populus monilifera</i> , Carolina Poplar, 1 inch.....	225
<i>Salix aurea vittellina</i> , Yellow Willow, 3 inch.....	56
<i>Salix aurea vittellina</i> , Yellow Winlow, 1 inch.....	876
<i>Salix pentandra</i> , Greenbark Willow, 1 inch.....	485
<i>Salix britzensis</i> , Red Willow, 1½ inch.....	111
<i>Salix britzensis</i> , Red Willow, 1 inch.....	1,340
<i>Ostrya Virginiana</i> , Ironwood.....	55
<i>Syringa alba</i> , White Lilac.....	158
<i>Syringa vulgaris purpurea</i> , Purple Lilac.....	1,045
<i>Lonicera tartarica</i> , Honeysuckle	242
<i>Viburnum opulus</i> , Snow Balls.....	863
<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i> , Horse Chestnut.....	70
<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i> , Horse Chestnut, seedlings.....	2,370
<i>Hydrangea paniculata</i>	92
<i>Betula laciniata</i> , Cutleaved Birch.....	6
<i>Yucca filamentosa</i>	190

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Quercus, Oak	40
Cornus cornuta, Red Dogwood.....	13
Berberis thunbergii, Red Barberry.....	112
Berberis vulgaris, Green Barberry.....	619
Rhamnus catharticus, Buckthorn.....	500
Clematis, assorted	85
Juglans cinerea, Butternut.....	26
American Apple Trees.....	596
Spireas	106
Euonymus esuropeaus, Strawberry Trees.....	140
Sophora japonica, seedlings.....	45
Celtis occidentalis, seedlings.....	45
Wistaria frutescens, seedlings.....	145
Ailanthus glandulosus, seedlings.....	1,500
Cytisus laburnum, seedlings.....	100
Ginko biloba, Maidenhair Fern Tree.....	100
Caragana arboreocens, Siberian Pea Tree.....	1,255
Carayana arborecens, Siberian Pea Tree, seedlings.....	5,000
White Birch, seedlings.....	263
Buckthorn, seedlings	400
Barberry, seedlings	300
Red Cedar, seedlings.....	6
Irish Juniper	96
Black Hills Spruce.....	138
Hemlocks	124
Total	39,772

DEPARTMENT HORSES.

As will be seen further down by the itemized statement, the owning of the teams by the Board has proven to be a good investment. The total expense connected with this Department was \$3,295.98, and the total earnings were \$4,655.62. The teams are kept in good condition and worked 1,241.5 days during the year.

44.

BLACKSMITH DEPARTMENT EARNINGS, 1904.

December, 1903—Shoeing	\$42.00	
Repairing	15.65	
New work	27.50	
	<hr/>	\$85.15
January, 1904—Shoeing	\$45.30	
Repairing	19.80	
New work	14.30	
	<hr/>	\$79.40
February—Shoeing	\$26.02	
Repairing	19.30	
New work	8.55	
	<hr/>	\$53.87
March—Shoeing	\$19.00	
Repairing	29.15	
New work	22.75	
	<hr/>	\$70.90
April—Shoeing	\$27.25	
Repairing	33.70	
New work	26.45	
	<hr/>	\$87.40
May—Shoeing	\$23.20	
Repairing	41.90	
New work	6.55	
	<hr/>	\$71.65
June—Shoeing	\$25.50	
Repairing	26.70	
New work	18.80	
	<hr/>	\$71.00
July—Shoeing	\$22.20	
Repairing	35.05	
New work	15.95	
	<hr/>	\$73.20
August—Shoeing	\$20.15	
Repairing	31.30	
New work	20.20	
	<hr/>	\$71.65
September—Shoeing	\$27.60	
Repairing	23.55	

New work	18.40	
	<hr/>	\$69.55
October—Shoeing	\$10.95	
Repairing	46.65	
New work	8.50	
	<hr/>	\$66.10
November—Shoeing	\$22.55	
Repairing	22.05	
New work	10.50	
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		\$854.97

45.

STEAM HEATING AND POWER PLANT.

The long and continuous cold winter together with the increased price of fuel, are responsible for the increased cost of heating the green-houses the past season, while the total cost of fuel is less compared with the year before, only a small amount of work was done with the pumps this year and no water at all was pumped into the lake.

The water pumped this year was sixty-one million gallons, while that of last year was two hundred and sixty-eight millions.

The maintenance cost for the season was \$5,056.45.

46.

FUEL ACCOUNT.

Jan.	4.	98,400 lbs. Yough. lump to Como.....@	\$4.65	\$228.78
Feb.	1.	13,000 lbs. Yough. lump del. by team to Como..@	5.00	32.50
Feb.	1.	95,300 lbs. Yough. lump del. by team to Como..@	4.65	221.57
Feb.	1.	14,950 lbs. Yough. lump del. by team to Como..@	4.65	34.76
March	7.	108,200 lbs. Yough. lump del. by team to Como..@	4.65	251.56
March	7.	98,300 lbs. Yough. lump del. by team to Como..@	4.65	228.55
April	4.	119,700 lbs. Yough. lump del. to Como.....@	4.65	278.30
May	4.	89,000 lbs. Yough. lump. del to Como.....@	4.65	206.92
May	4.	10,040 lbs. Yough. lump del to Como.....@	4.40	220.88
June	6.	3,400 Cumberland to Como\$.@	5.90	10.03
July	5.	26,550 lbs. Yough. lump del. to Como.....@	4.40	58.41

July	5.	20,000 lbs. Yough. lump del. to Phalen.....@	4.75	47.50
Aug.	1.	30,200 lbs. Yough. lump. to Como.....@	4.40	66.44
Aug.	1.	9,100 lbs. Yough. lump to Como.....@	4.40	20.02
Aug.	1.	74,800 lbs. Yough. lump to Como.....@	4.40	164.56
Aug.	1.	8,050 lbs. Yough. lump to Como.....@	4.40	17.71
Sept.	6.	90,400 lbs. Yough. lump to Como.....@	4.40	198.88
Sept.	6.	55,200 lbs. Yough. lump to Phalen.....@	4.75	131.11
Sept.	6.	84,300 lbs. Yough. lump to Como.....@	4.40	185.46
Sept.	6.	20,000 lbs. Yough. lump to Phalen.....@	4.75	47.50
Nov.	7.	20,000 lbs. Yough. lump to Phalen.....@	4.75	47.50
Dec.	5.	110,900 lbs. Yough. lump to Como.....@	4.40	243.98
Total				\$2,942.92

47.

NUMBER GALLONS WATER PUMPED DURING SEASON 1904.

	Tank.	Lake.
January .....	.....	838,080
February .....	.....	777,800
March .....	.....	6,304,000
April .....	.....	25,868,588
May	4,891,776	.....
June	4,618,464	.....
July	6,652,128	.....
August	6,177,280	.....
September	4,795,584	.....
October	123,776	.....
November .....	.....	.....
December .....	.....	.....
Totals	27,259,008	33,788,468

48.

SKATING.

Large crowds participated in this form of winter sport. The season lasted from the 24th day of November to the 22nd day of February. A space of about 10 acres was cleaned off and kept in good condition during the entire season. Warming rooms were built as usual by the Board.

but warmed and attended by the caterer of the pavilion, for the privilege of selling refreshments. A half mile ice track was also maintained on Lake Como for speeding purposes, and was well patronized by horse owners of the city. The expenditures were \$233.54.

49.

BOATING ON PARK WATERS.

During the past season, twenty thousand and sixty-five boat tickets were sold, making the receipts \$5,605.25. The boats were at all times kept in good condition and the management did its best to satisfy the people.

50.

MUSIC.

A total of sixty-five concerts were given during the season and were paid for by the Street Railway Co. The band consisting of 30 musicians, the concerts were well patronized.

51.

PARK POLICE FORCE.

Consisted of six regular park policemen and seven special watchmen who performed their arduous duties well. The following arrests were made:

Officer Peterson, on May 12th, arrested Swan Hockinson and Nels Johnson for cutting sod at Phalen Park, fined each \$5.00 in Police Court. Special Officer Miller, on May 24th, arrested Jacob Jacobson of Minneapolis for digging out trees at Riverside Park, fined \$5.00 in Police Court. Officer Peterson on Oct. 3rd arrested B. Hessler and B. J. McLevitch for dumping refuse at Phalen Park, discharged in Police Court. Special Officer Miller on Oct. 26th arrested Albert Miller and J. Danbus for taking trees from Riverside Boulevard, and selling them, fined \$25.00 each in Police Court.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The value of the present park system, designed and maintained for the perpetual enjoyment and recreation of our people, is demonstrated by the constantly increasing number of visitors that throng the shady groves and walks of the parks, or enjoy the aquatic sport of boating on its waters.

Indian Mounds and Como Park, where a record of visitors is kept, show a total attendance of over one million and a half.

Again I want to call the attention of all the friends of Como Park, to the necessity of taking the earliest possible steps to remove from its site the workhouse—an institution counteractive to the distinctive purposes of the park.

The most imperative demand, for the immediate future, is the building of a new pavilion at Como Park. The old structure aside from being too small, and inconvenient, is in an entirely delapidated condition. The annexed amphitheater, used for the convenience of the public during band concerts, was totally rotten and had to be torn down, and there are now no facilities available, to accommodate the public with seating accommodations during concerts, which fact will likely deprive the people of the accustomed pleasure of late years of enjoying band concerts at the park. Ways and means must be found, to build a new spacious building, adapted to the needs of park visitors, not only for the summer concert season, but also for the winter months when spacious warming rooms will be needed. The Board has taken the initial steps by ordering plans prepared for a new structure, and these are now underway of execution. According to these plans, the building dimensions will be 170x150 feet, with a floor space of 25,500 square feet.

The acquisition of the needed land for boulevard and waterway, between Lake Phalen and Lake Gervais as contemplated by the Board, should be terminated. A pen picture of the possibilities of improving and embellishing the pleasureway, would only give a vague idea of its true aspect. Suffice it to say that the contemplated plan provides a forty-five foot wide waterway. The difference between the two lake levels is only one foot in a distance of 7,962 feet, making an ideal boating course of one and one-fourth miles in length. From Lake Gervais south to the double arch concrete bridge, constructed during the past summer by the Board of County Commissioners at the request of the Park Commission, a double roadway is planned, one driveway on each side of the waterway, thence from the arch bridge south to Lake Phalen Boulevard, one

driveway on the east side of the canal will make the connection with Phalen Park driveways, while the west driveway on the north side of the arch bridge, will connect at that point with Arcade Street. This needed strip of land, not over 200 feet wide, will form a vista between these two lakes, which when planted with shade trees along the avenues and canal, will make a waterway without an equal where pleasure seekers in row boats and launches will enjoy its charms and attractive scenery—a possession of which any city may well be proud.

The extension of Riverside Park, from its present terminus at Watson Avenue, to Seventh Street, which for the time being had to be abandoned on account of financial reasons, principally caused by demands of exorbitant prices for the land needed, the owners of which don't seem to take into consideration the large amount of public money to be expended for the improvement, which primarily benefits the remaining frontage. This fact should suggest to the property owners, at least to a reasonable extent, the idea of co-operation instead of obstructing the improvement. This park, with its pleasure drive along the crest of the river banks, is destined to be the great boulevard of our park system, and it is reasonably certain that it will be lined with houses, of the well-to-do, lavished with architectural beauty in keeping with the picturesque and beautiful scenery, which can never be obstructed and will be preserved forever. Intelligent and public spirited co-operation of the owners of this favored soil needed for the extension of this improvement, is still expected to be forthcoming. The result of the improvement already carried out is sufficient guarantee of its value to abutting property, not speaking of its predominating scenery in every foot of its distance. It forms the main feature and connecting link in a grand concourse of three most prominent parkways; being the river boulevard to Como Park on the north, Summit Avenue boulevard in its center, and Lexington Avenue, on the east, besides being a continuation of the east river boulevard from Minneapolis and the University, and being paralleled on the west side, of the river, by a similar improvement. Its destiny is assured of becoming, in the near future, the most prominent and leading residence of wealth and beauty. These facts are worthy of a very liberal consideration by the owners of the property needed for the extension of improvement between Watson Avenue and Seventh Street.

The foremost necessity keenly felt by every citizen is the improvement of parkways. Como Avenue, from Front and Dale Street, where it connects with a section of improved roadway to the park, is in excellent condition, but from that point east to the new capitol, a distance of one and one-fourth miles, it is anything but inviting to the pleasure driving public. From Western Avenue east it is bordered on the north side by



SHADOW FALLS PARK,

a strip of land along the Great Northern Railway which is chiefly used for lumber, coal yards and other industries, which for all time to come will cause a heavy team traffic, and will make it an undisputable business thoroughfare expelling for this reason the idea of devoting its use to a pleasure driveway. The southerly side of the avenue is but sparsely settled with unpretentious dwellings, which would make the cost of widening not excessive. The proposed acquisition of a strip of land 40 feet wide and including the alternating triangles on the street intersections, together with the present southerly roadway along the street car tracks, would make it possible to establish a parkway of liberal proportions. Its dimensions would be a six-foot walk on the property line, a ten-foot tree lawn, a forty-foot roadway, and a fourteen-foot tree lawn along the street car line. The northerly roadway would be used for heavy teaming. The Street Car Company, could be induced to turf between its tracks, which would add eighteen feet to the greensward. The total width of the avenue would be 120 feet and the triangles at street intersections would give an expanded park-like effect.

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CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS.

Should be established in the poorer districts of the city, at any rate, those districts should be served best of all. The improvement on account of the generally limited area, should be made on entirely artificial lines. Trees for shade should be planted where they do not interfere with the free use of the grounds by the children. The report of the Playground Committee, for last year, shows an eloquent approval of the established playground in the Eighth Ward, by the numerous attendance of children from distant portions of the city.

ATTENDANCE.

A careful record of attendance has been made every morning and afternoon at the playgrounds. The following statistics are the result:

TOTAL ATTENDANCE FROM JUNE 5TH TO SEPTEMBER 29TH.

Forenoon:

Boys	5,052
Girls	4,379
Both	9,431

Afternoon:

Boys	9,604
Girls	7,482
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Both	17,086

Total Forenoon and Afternoon:

Boys	14,656
Girls	11,861
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Both	26,517

During this time the playground has been open seventy-two and one-half days; the average daily attendance has been:

Forenoon:

Boys	70
Girls	60
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Both	139

Afternoon:

Boys	132
Girls	103
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Both	235

Total Forenoon and Afternoon:

Boys	202
Girls	163
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Both	365

TREASURER'S REPORT OF PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

Received from city appropriation	\$2,000.00
Commercial Club and Town and County Club ball game.....	504.13
Bath receipts	7.46
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	\$2,511.59

DISBURSEMENTS.

Gymnasium apparatus	\$179.40
Shelter house	815.04
Grading and planting	457.29
Tools and equipment	51.67
Games	45.01
Sundry expenses (including printing, water, circulars, etc.)..	96.18
Salaries	793.90
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	\$2,438.49
Balance in bank.....	\$73.10

PAUL N. MYERS,

Treasurer.

MAINTENANCE.

ADMINISTRATION.

Superintendent's salary	\$3,000.00
General foreman, clerk and timekeeper.....	2,850.75
Janitor in office.....	316.13
City directory	6.00
Postage stamps	34.50
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	\$6,207.38

PRINTING STATIONERY AND PHOTOS.

Printing of annual reports.....	\$623.00
Halftone cuts for annual reports.....	234.80
Stationery	104.32
Abstracting	21.75
Photographs	48.00
Typewriting annual reports and telegrams.....	22.98
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	\$1,054.85

MISCELLANEOUS.

Traveling expenses	\$75.45
Carriage hire	11.00
Purchase of two bicycles.....	47.50
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	\$133.95

WORLD'S FAIR EXHIBIT.

Park views and maps.....	\$651.15	
Drawing material	79.20	
Express charges moving park views.....	29.50	
	<hr/>	\$759.85

GREENHOUSE.

General work	\$3,495.70	
Lumber and nails for benches and hot beds.....	128.61	
Flower pots and wire netting.....	68.65	
Glass and putty.....	37.94	
Plants and seeds.....	188.25	
Express and freight charges.....	17.31	
Miscellaneous supplies	3.25	
	<hr/>	\$3,939.71

NURSERY.

Labor transplanting and trimming.....	\$757.69	
Purchase of trees and shrubs.....	306.50	
Freight charges	37.45	
	<hr/>	\$1,101.64

TREE TRIMMING.

Forester	\$449.26	
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BARN.

Labor	\$1,785.34	
Lumber for stalls.....	48.92	
	<hr/>	\$1,834.26

HORSES AND WAGONS.

Feed	\$902.23	
Hauling and storing feed.....	54.24	
Purchase of horse.....	100.00	
Carriage purchase	100.00	
Road scraper	150.00	
Hay mower	41.80	
Wagon repair	30.00	
Medical attendance to horse.....	15.45	
Axle grease	7.50	

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New harness	25.00	
New brushes and comb.....	9.75	
Collars and sweat-pads.....	16.65	
Harness oil, soap, etc.....	5.05	
Repairs on harness	4.05	
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		\$1,461.72

Note: Earned by park teams, \$4,655.62.

BLACKSMITH SHOP.

Blacksmith's wages	\$579.60	
Coal	10.03	
Material	68.32	
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		\$657.95

TOOLS AND SUPPLIES.

Tool handles and wedges.....	\$10.40	
Brooms	9.70	
Spades and shovels	51.00	
Rakes	12.00	
Garden hose	35.00	
Lawn mowers	73.80	
Grindstones	5.35	
Hatchets	2.70	
Scythes	28.00	
Rope	21.39	
Padlocks	13.50	
Nails and screws.....	7.87	
Rubber boots	19.92	
Knobs and locks.....	1.43	
Electric globes	9.60	
Miscellaneous supplies	6.83	
Tools repaired	88.95	
Steel waste baskets.....	92.70	
Sewer pipe	129.00	
Tree transplanter	850.00	
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		\$1,469.14

COMO PARK PUMPING STATION.

Pumping and heating lab.....	\$1,976.50
Coal	2,659.28

Hauling and unloading coal.....	260.49	
Oil and waste.....	130.28	
Dry batteries	8.28	
Valves and packing.....	21.62	
	<hr/>	\$5,056.45

PAVILION.

Taking down platform	\$75.09	
Insurance on pavilion.....	120.00	
Insurance on chairs.....	40.00	
	<hr/>	\$235.09

BUILDING REPAIRS.

Painting and repairing.....	\$102.45	
Steel ceiling	52.50	
Radiators and fittings.....	31.92	
	<hr/>	\$186.87

PICNIC GROUNDS SHELTER HOUSE.

Custodian	\$155.59	
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SWINGS.

Matron	\$108.00	
Repairs on swings.....	11.40	
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TOILET ROOMS.

Matrons	\$211.50	
Toilet paper	13.00	
	<hr/>	\$224.50

WATER WORKS.

Repairing—labor	\$207.75	
Material	69.63	
Tools	19.05	
	<hr/>	\$296.43

BOATS.

Insurance on boats and launches.....	\$81.25	
Painting and repairing.....	609.91	
Paints	95.01	
Bolts, screws, nails, etc.....	5.01	
Oars and oarlocks.....	178.53	
Leather for oars.....	14.00	
Boatmen labor	1,043.40	
Cushions for launch.....	37.50	
Lumber for boat dock.....	36.00	
Gong and headlight for launch.....	11.15	
Boat tickets	63.50	
Gasoline	16.85	
	<hr/>	\$2,192.11

ANIMALS.

Keeper	\$317.87	
Feed	116.13	
	<hr/>	\$434.00

LAKE.

Cleaning	\$320.30	
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ROADS AND WALKS.

Repairing and hauling material.....	\$1,142.30	
Sprinkling	215.81	
	<hr/>	\$1,358.11

LAWNS.

Hauling and spreading manure.....	\$418.86	
Sodding lawns	67.72	
Cutting and raking grass.....	2,419.31	
Working on hay.....	1,383.83	
	<hr/>	\$4,289.72

TREES AND SHRUBS.

Covering and uncovering shrubs.....	\$195.80	
Cutting out dead trees.....	33.92	
Cultivating trees	312.39	
	<hr/>	\$542.11

SKATING RINK AND RACE TRACK.

Building warming house.....	\$40.02	
Cleaning tracks	193.52	
	<hr/>	\$233.54

LILY POND.

Repairing labor	\$6.65	
Cement	1.70	
	<hr/>	\$8.35

GENERAL WORK.

Park police and watchmen.....	\$4,449.59	
Purchase of fence posts and telephone poles.....	84.50	
Setting fence on park lines.....	69.70	
Setting telephone poles.....	20.99	
Loading and hauling sewer pipe.....	8.25	
Cleaning park, labor.....	1,937.76	
	<hr/>	\$6,570.79

RIVERSIDE PARK BOULEVARD.

Watchman	\$336.00	
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PHALEN PARK.

Park police and watchmen.....	\$1,301.37	
Boatman	323.80	
Storing boats	36.45	
Gasoline for pumping engine and launch.....	21.67	
Boat supplies	5.61	
Pumping water	33.40	
Insurance on boats	62.50	
	<hr/>	\$1,784.80

MERRIAM PARK TERRACE.

Custodian	\$456.38	
Repairing and trimming trees.....	102.05	
Repairing walks	9.30	
	<hr/>	\$567.73

IRIS PARK.

Custodian	\$123.37	
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Cleaning lake	9.95	
	<hr/>	\$123.32

LAFAYETTE PARK.

Custodian	\$226.27	
Resetting and trimming trees.....	109.53	
	<hr/>	\$335.80

RICE PARK.

Custodians	\$400.85	
Planting trees and repairing walks.....	37.90	
	<hr/>	\$438.75

CENTRAL PARK.

Custodian	\$457.60	
Planting trees	31.12	
Grading and filling curb.....	92.64	
	<hr/>	\$581.36

IRVINE PARK.

Custodian	\$222.06	
Hauling and spreading manure.....	13.60	
	<hr/>	\$235.66

INDIAN MOUNDS PARK.

Park police and watchman.....	\$608.66	
Cutting grass and general work.....	1,079.38	
Grading and repairing roads.....	1,162.40	
Planting shrubs and trees.....	232.78	
Repairs on pavilion	72.04	
	<hr/>	\$3,155.26

SMITH PARK.

Custodian	\$216.97	
Trimming and repairing trees	49.72	
	<hr/>	\$266.69

CARPENTER PARK.

Custodian	\$208.23	
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HAMPDEN PARK.

Custodian	\$208.89	
Repairing trees	10.80	
	<hr/>	\$219.63

SUMMIT PARK.

Custodian	\$221.36	
Cutting trees	13.80	
	<hr/>	\$235.16

LANGFORD PARK.

Custodians	\$442.17	
Hauling and spreading manure.....	9.90	
Tree trimmer	39.60	
Filling in and grading triangle	16.64	
	<hr/>	\$508.31

TERRACE AND ALICE PARKS.

Custodian	\$123.90	
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LEWIS PARK.

Custodian	\$207.07	
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COMO BOULEVARD.

Cutting grass and cleaning road.....	\$207.43	
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SUMMIT BOULEVARD.

Cutting grass	\$1,058.52	
	<hr/>	\$1,058.52

PUBLIC BATHS.

Custodian	\$65.50	
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PUBLIC PLAY GROUNDS.

Custodian	\$96.77	
	<hr/>	\$96.77

CITY PARKS GENERAL WORK.

Watchman	\$549.50	
Building benches	108.34	
Planting flowers	156.08	
Repairing fountains	21.35	
Lawn Mowers repairs	11.35	
Cleaning up	49.08	
	<hr/>	\$895.70

CITY STREETS.

Cutting grass	\$2,154.91	
	<hr/>	\$2,154.91
Total maintenance		\$55,109.63

IMPROVEMENTS.

COMO PARK.

GREENHOUSE,

Building greenhouse annex	\$22.97	
Lumber greenhouse annex	101.90	
Laying new steam pipes, labor.....	281.34	
Pipes and fittings	822.72	
Steam pump	48.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,276.93

PLAY GROUNDS.

Purchase of air swings	\$100.00	
Grading play grounds	146.29	
Erecting swings	16.98	
	<hr/>	\$263.27

BOATS.

Purchase of new boats.....	\$893.00	
Gasoline engine for launch.....	100.00	
	<hr/>	\$993.00

STATION ENTRANCE.

Grading and sodding	\$317.03	
Laying water system	209.86	

Building fountain	119.75	
Building fence	104.01	
Building arbor	46.45	
Planting helde and arbor.....	298.86	
Laying out and planting colonial garden.....	229.82	
Purchase of plants for colonial garden.....	212.60	
Hauling rock for new car station.....	29.37	
	<hr/>	\$1,567.75

LEXINGTON AVE. SOUTH OF LANGFORD.

Grading	\$273.33	
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LEXINGTON AVE. NORTH OF LANGFORD.

Surfacing	\$502.89	
	<hr/>	\$502.89

JAPANESE GARDEN.

Hauling sand and rock	\$306.79	
	<hr/>	\$306.79

TREES AND SHRUBS.

Planting	\$565.71	
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PUBLIC BATHS.

Grading	\$231.42	
Planting trees	72.95	
	<hr/>	\$304.37

RIVERSIDE PARK AND BOULEVARD.

Crushing stone	\$1,260.00	
Grading and surfacing road	3,418.07	
Setting monuments	8.69	
Spreading assessments	88.00	
Belt for stone crusher engine.....	18.00	
Lumber for shed	46.60	
Rent for engine for stone crusher.....	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$4,889.36

PHALEN PARK.

BOATS AND BOAT DOCK.

Purchase of rowboats	\$869.50	
Purchase of gasoline daunch, Est. 1-2.....	2,400.00	
Insurance on gasoline launch.....	67.50	
Building shed for launch and boat dock.....	466.02	
Lumber and nails.....	644.69	
Lamps	7.66	
	<hr/>	\$4,455.37

CUSTODIAN HOUSE.

Building house	\$1,637.00	
Drilling tubular well	103.75	
Storm sash, etc.....	41.31	
Sink, moulding, etc.....	36.56	
Building wood shed	183.00	
Insurance	15.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,016.62

COMFORT HOUSE.

Building, carpenter work, Est. 1-2.....	\$2,293.00	
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DREDGE.

Dredging small lake, labor.....	\$1,679.64	
Coal	273.61	
Oil, chain grease, etc.....	103.29	
Insurance	175.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,231.54

GENERAL WORK.

Grading road	\$1,972.19	
Grading Lake shore	697.57	
Cutting grass and cleaning	279.50	
Planting shrubs	107.12	
	<hr/>	\$3,056.38

SUMMIT PARK.

Building base to monument	\$120.58	
Cement and lumber.....	100.58	

REPORT OF BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

Sodding around monument	54.22	
	<hr/>	\$275.38

HAMM PARK.

Grading and sodding	\$399.65	
Planting trees	30.30	
Connecting water system	30.60	
Man-hole frame and cover and cement.....	10.90	
	<hr/>	\$471.45

OAKLAND PARK.

Planting trees and cutting grass.....	\$15.05	
Building fence	97.87	
Lumber, posts and nails.....	50.06	
	<hr/>	\$162.98

COMMONWEALTH PARK.

Grading and planting	\$137.57	
	<hr/>	\$137.57

Total improvements	\$26,043.69
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RECAPITULATION.

Total maintenance	\$55,109.63	
Total improvements	26,043.69	
Total expenditure		\$81,153.32
Less park tree account paid through General fund		1,499.73
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		\$79,653.59

CASH RECEIVED BY SUPERINTENDENT DURING SEASON 1904.

Balance season 1903	\$308.65
Boat receipts, Como	4,617.70
Boat receipts, Phalen.....	884.10
Gasoline launch, Phalen	6.75
Gasoline launch, Como	66.70
Hay sold, Como	430.00
Hay sold, Phalen	70.00
Outside work	932.44
Old boats sold	80.00
Boat permits	30.00

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Automobile sold	200.00
Indian Mounds pavilion privilege	200.00
Pony privilege	100.00
Sand sold	58.80
Garbage hauling	17.75
Sale of wool	13.73
Trees sold	4.00
Old garden hose sold40
Sale of house Cherokee Ave.....	100.00
Ground rent Indian Mounds Park.....	40.00
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Paid to City Treasurer	\$7,928.71
Jan. 1st, 1905, balance on hand.....	\$232.31
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Total ,.....	\$8,161.02

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR EACH MONTH.

January	\$2,684.43
February	2,840.87
March	3,279.80
April	3,553.18
May	6,565.40
June	12,681.02
July	10,894.44
August	10,669.83
September	9,391.36
October	8,653.57
November	4,479.80
December	5,459.62
Grand Total	\$81,153.32
Including park tree account received through general fund.....	\$1,499.73

Respectfully submitted,

FRED NUSSBAUMER,
Superintendent of Parks.

REPORT OF BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

NUMBER DAYS WORKED SEASON 1904.

	Foreman. Engineer. Timekeeper Clerk.	Mechanics. Skill. Labor's Fireman.	Park Watchmen.	Police. Laborers.	Teams.
January	159.0	468.9	274.0	166.0	102.0
February	171.0	449.7	263.0	159.5	131.5
March	162.5	449.6	253.0	182.0	106.4
April	174.7	575.2	272.0	297.8	116.5
May	245.5	792.3	218.8	911.8	149.8
June	312.0	1,377.7	379.0	1,965.7	244.7
July	284.7	1,552.8	506.0	2,044.9	241.5
August	257.6	1,479.8	520.0	1,901.0	215.8
September	288.0	1,506.6	513.0	1,790.9	181.8
October	252.0	1,360.3	492.7	1,426.2	151.8
November	222.1	860.4	386.6	415.0	113.2
December	159.9	615.2	260.0	199.6	131.4
Totals	2,689.0	11,488.5	4,338.1	11,460.4	1,886.4
Grand Total	31,862.4				
Note 1,241.5 days by park teams.					

INVENTORY OF MACHINES AND TOOLS.

2 Gasoline Launches.	1 2-Foot Spirit level.
224 Row Boats.	1 12-Foot road level.
206 Pairs oars.	1 Steel square.
440 Pairs oar locks.	6 Hatchets.
1 Dredge boat and machinery.	4 Pairs rubber boots.
3 Steam boilers.	13 Water pails.
1 3,000,000 gal. centrifugal pump.	2,375 Feet garden hose.
1 2,000,000 gal. Allis High Duty Pump.	12 Swings.
1 1,000,000 gal. Blake Piston Pump.	2 Air Swings.
1 Gasoline pump and sparker.	1 Cook stove and boiler.
1 Diaphragm pump.	2,300 Feet rustic seats.
1 Dynamo.	3,750 Feet settees.
4 Boiler feeds.	85 Park settees.
1 Lathe.	1,500 Feet benches.
5 Oil tanks, 52 gal. each.	12 Anchors for boats.
1 24-inch key wrench.	6 Gasoline lamps.
1 Blacksmith's portable forge.	16 Tool boxes with locks.
1 Blacksmith's anvil.	1 40-Foot extension ladder.
20 Ship augers.	1 20-Foot extension ladder.
1 Plumber's blast furnace.	1 Step ladder.
1 Case standard dies ¼-2 inch.	1 Trowel.
2 Chain tongs.	4 Set draft harness.
1 Small house derrick.	1 Set light double harness.
1 Triple block and pulleys.	2 Sets single harness.
2 Double block and pulleys.	1 300 Foot track rails.
2 Single block and pulleys.	29 Lawn mowers.
50 ft. ½-in. rope.	29 Lawn rakes.
4 Hay racks.	52 Hay rakes.
2 Iron beam plows.	36 Steel road rakes.
8 Blankets.	37 Spades.
6 Light Blankets.	84 Shovels.
2 Lap robes.	3 Long-handed shovels.
1 Set double fly nets.	6 Snow shovels.
	23 Scythes.

5 Wagons.	11 Oil Cans.
4 Bob sleighs.	25 Scythe handles.
1 Spring wagon.	2 Brush scythes.
1 Concord buggy.	7 Brush knives.
1 2-Seated carriage.	15 Sickles.
5 Sprinkling wagons.	53 Picks.
4 Water tanks.	16 Pick handles.
1 Steam road roller.	1 Post hole auger.
1 2-Horse road roller.	20 Grub hoes.
1 1-Horse road roller.	2 Scoop shovels.
2 2-Horse hay mower.	35 Hay forks.
1 Horse hay rack.	9 Manure forks.
1 Tree Carrier.	1 Garden hoe.
1 Tree transplanter.	1 Sod cutter.
1 Road scraper.	2 Crosscut saws.
1 Snow Scraper.	2 Hand saws.
1 Road harrow.	7 Axes.
1 Set field harrows.	1 Hand ax.
1 Stone crusher.	4 Sledge hammers.
5 Binding chains.	1 Syringe.
1 Flower rack.	1 Jack Plain.
200 ft. 1 in. rope.	6 Tree pruners.
8 Draft horses.	2 Pruning shears.
4 Driving horses.	1 Emery wheel.
1 Road plow.	1 Draw knife.
2 Slushers.	170 Hot bed sash.
4 Dump cars.	2 Pipe tongs.
1 Ice chisel.	7 Crow-bars.
1 Wire Stretcher.	3 Rock drills.
5 Grind stones.	1 Sheep shears.
36 Wheelbarrows.	2 Crawford bicycles.
32 Whetstones.	86,000 Flower pots.

BLACKSMITH TOOLS.

1 Anvil.	1 Bellows.
1 Vice.	1 Hand ax.
1 Ratchet brace.	1 Draw knife.
2 Planes.	1 Box of 13 bits.
4 Wood chisels.	3 Ratchet drills.
5 Rasps.	2 Hand saws.
2 Monkey wrenches.	1 Square.
1 Try square.	1 Bolt cutter.
2 Hoof knives.	4 Nippers.
4 Hoof cutters.	14 Tongs.
5 Blacksmith hammers.	1 Sledge hammer.
3 Screw clamps.	7 Ratchet bits.
2 Die wrenches.	12 Steel punches.
3 Cold chisels.	7 Files.
1 Oil can.	2 Steel guages.
1 Marking guages.	2 Compasses.
1 Reamer.	2 Handle chisels.
2 Fullers.	1 Iron support.
1 Ratchet.	1 Tuvare iron.
1 Hardy.	1 Grindstone.

PIPELAYER'S TOOLS.

1 Parmelee wrench.	1 Block chain tongs.
1 Armstrong stock & die ¼-2.	1 Stock and dies ¼-1.
3 Stillson pipe wrenches 12-18-24 in.	1 Monkey wrench 14 in.
1 Die stock solid dies ¼-2 in.	1 Pipe cutter.
4 Calking irons.	1 Pipe vice.
1 Machinist vice.	1 Tapping machine.
2 Cast steel files.	2 Ladles.
1 Lead pot.	1 Caulking hammer.
2 Soldering irons.	6 Files.
4 Bars solder.	450 Blbs in use.
25 Stand pipe valves.	700 Foot 2-in. pipe new.
1 Armstrong stock & dies ¼-2 in.	

TOILET ROOMS.

1 Parlor table.
1 Bureau.
2 Towel rollers.

2 Wicker rockers.
1 Small looking glass.
2 Doz. towels.

OFFICE.

1 Roll top desk.
2 Office tables.
6 Letter files.
1 Drawing table.
1 Section liner.
3 Watchmen clocks.
1 Box railroad cruves.
8 Office chairs.

1 Diebold safe .
2 Waste basket.
2 T squares.
1 Railroad pen.
1 Dotting pen & wheels.
1 Leveling rod.
5 Assorted files.

MISCELLANEOUS.

380 Feet sewer pipe.

2 Bales fence wire.

**FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.**

ST. PAUL, MINN.

St. Paul, Minn., February 23, 1905.

The Board of Park Commissioners,
St. Paul, Minn.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to herewith submit the fourteenth annual report of my office.

The members of the Board of Park Commissioners on January 1, A. D. 1904, were Messrs. Daniel Aberle, John H. Allen, Robert O. Earl, M. D., William Hamm and Joseph A. Wheelock.

Mr. William Hamm was reappointed by the Mayor March 1, 1904, for the term of five years.

At the annual meeting held March 14, A. D. 1904, the following officers were elected:

President—Joseph A. Wheelock.

Vice President—Daniel Aberle.

Superintendent—Fred Nussbaumer.

Mr. Herbert W. Topping was appointed by the Mayor May 16, 1904, vice John Henry Allen, deceased.

On December 19, 1904, Mr. Daniel Aberle's resignation as vice president was accepted, and Mr. Herbert W. Topping was duly elected to fill the vacancy. At the time of his resignation, Mr. Aberle was convalescent from an operation performed on his throat at Mercy Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, and later moved to Florida to remain during the balance of the winter.

APPROPRIATIONS.

At the general election held on November 8, A. D. 1904, Amendment No. 3 to the charter of the City of St. Paul, increasing the Park Fund from \$75,000.00 to \$90,000.00, was duly ratified by more than three-fifths of the votes of the qualified voters voting at said election.

The other amendments submitted at the above election and affecting the Board of Park Commissioners were defeated.

The Conference Committee in its report to the Common Council under date of November 30th, 1904, included the sum of \$90,000.00 to the credit of the Park Fund, in accordance with the amendment to the charter heretofore referred to, and this latter sum will be available during the current year.

THE CARE OF STREET LAWNS.

During the year the following street lawns were placed under the jurisdiction of the Board of Park Commissioners for the purpose of having the grass cut thereon whenever necessary, viz.:

Portland Avenue, from Chatsworth Street to Oxford Street.

Marion Street, from Fuller Street to Charles Street.

St. Peter Street, from Aurora Avenue to West Central Avenue.

Carroll Street, from Mackubin Street to Chatsworth Street.

The following is an estimate of the cost of cutting and caring for grass on street lawns during the year 1904:

Iglehart St., from Farrington Ave. to Lexington Ave.....	\$227.77
Summit Ave., from Dale St. to Lexington Ave.....	188.08
Portland Ave., from Dale St. to Victoria St.....	95.92
Summit Ave., from Wabasha St. to Dale St.....	80.23
Western Ave., from Summit Ave. to Carroll St.....	8.88
Burr St., from Collins St. to Magnolia St.....	120.06
Aurora Ave., from Rice St. to Dale St.....	190.16
Marion St., from Fuller St. to Charles St.....	39.90
St. Peter St., from Aurora Ave. to West Central Ave.....	30.40
Hall Ave., from Isabel St. to Prospect Terrace.....	20.77
Hague Ave., from Dale St. to Victoria St.....	93.20
Portland Ave., from Victoria St. to Oxford St.....	71.66
Laurel Ave., from Dale St. to Chatsworth St.....	137.22
Grand Ave., from Floral St. to Grotto St.....	73.52
Grand Ave., from Avon St. to Victoria St.....	24.08
Lincoln Ave., from Oakland Ave. to Victoria St.....	127.92
Avon St., from Summit Ave. to Osceola Ave.....	64.00
Goodrich Ave., from Dale St. to Victoria St.....	96.22
Osceola Ave., from Pleasant Ave. to Victoria St.....	83.34
Fairmount Ave., from Dale St. to Victoria St.....	94.78
Holly Ave., from Dale St. to Victoria St.....	95.26
Ashland Ave., from Dale St. to Victoria St.....	96.00
Marshall Ave., from Cleveland Ave. to Wheeler Ave.....	113.24
Dayton Ave., from Dewey Ave. to Howell Ave.....	20.00

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Dewey Ave., from St. Anthony Ave. to University Ave.....	40.38
Feronia Ave., from Prior Ave. to Fairview Ave.....	42.36
Iglehart St., from Cleveland Ave. to Wheeler Ave.....	106.46
Carroll St., from Wheeler Ave. to Wilder Ave.....	97.66
Wheeler Ave., from University Ave. to Shields Ave.....	19.78
Carroll St., from Mackubin St. to Chatsworth St.....	141.37
Total	\$2,640.62

RECEIPTS.

By balance on hand January 1, 1904.....	\$6,329.59
By miscellaneous receipts.....	50,000.00
By sale of tax levy certificates, 1904.....	20,000.00
By cutting grass assessments.....	2,429.19
By cash receipts.....	7,928.71
By receipts from 1903 taxes.....	1,200.00
By park tree account paid through general fund..	1,499.73
Total	\$89,387.22

DISBURSEMENTS.

To salary of superintendent and employees.....	\$60,151.64
To fuel	2,932.89
To insurance premiums.....	565.25
To feed	1,017.11
To trees, plants, etc.....	702.60
To new buildings.....	4,137.68
To new boats and boat supply.....	4,574.95
To expense, repair, supplies, etc.....	7,071.20
Total	\$81,153.32
Balance December 31, 1904.....	\$8,233.90

ORDERS DRAWN ON PARK FUND DURING A. D. 1904.

JANUARY.

3595	Otto Bremer, pay roll of employees for December, 1903....	\$2,013.35
3596	Fred Nussbaumer, salary as superintendent for December, 1903, \$250.00; money advanced for drawing and for abstracts, December 21, 1903, January 4, 1904, \$45.10	295.10
3597	Pioneer Fuel Company, coal, December 15, 1903.....	228.73

3598	Griggs Bros., feed, December 12, 1903.....	79.57
3599	Standard Oil Company, oil, December 21-23, 1903.....	40.03
3600	Boeringer & Son, liner, December 5, 1903.....	7.50
3601	American Stamp Works, seal, December 29, 1903.....	2.00
3602	Joseph Dingle, oar locks, December 1, 1903.....	2.50
3603	Hackett-Walther & Gates Hdw. Co., hardware, December 8, 1903	2.50
3604	Farwell-Ozmun-Kirk & Co., nails, December 21, 1903....	2.40
3605	John M. Thiessen, harness repairs and supplies, August 17 to December 31, 1903.....	10.20

FEBRUARY.

3606	Otto Bremer, city treasurer, pay roll of employes for January, 1904	\$2,087.90
3607	Fred Nussbaumer, salary as superintendent for January, 1904, \$250.00; money advanced for drawings and express charges, January 19-28, 1904, \$30.50.....	280.50
3608	Pioneer Fuel Co., coal, December 31, 1903, January 5-6-25, 1904	288.83
3609	Gribben Lumber Co., lumber, January 21-27, 1904.....	59.20
3610	Griggs Bros., feed, January 15, 1904.....	86.59
3611	St. Paul Roofing, Cornice & Ornament Co., steel ceiling, Jan. 16, 1904	22.50
3612	Nichols, Dean & Gregg, hardware, December 22-23, 1903..	5.85
3613	Cornplanter Oil Co., oil, January 11, 1904.....	7.50
3614	Henry A. Dreer, seeds, January 25, 1904.....	2.00

MARCH.

3615	Otto Bremer, city treasurer, pay roll of employes for February, 1904	\$2,014.86
3616	Fred Nussbaumer, salary as superintendent for February, 1904, \$250.00; money advanced, express charges and telegrams, February 11-17, March 1, 1904, \$10.00..	260.07
3617	Pioneer Fuel Co., coal, January 23, February 11, 1904....	480.11
3618	Griggs Bros., feed, February 13, March 2, 1904.....	143.12
3619	Gribben Lumber Co., lumber, February 26, 1904.....	108.34
3620	Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., paint, oil, etc., January 11, 1904	61.44
3621	Nichols-Dean & Gregg, hardware, etc., January 6, 1904...	42.98
3622	H. P. Rugg & Co., engine supplies, February 6-19, 1904..	18.78
3623	Peter Henderson Co., seeds, February 8, 1904.....	12.50

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3624	Boeringer & Son, engineering instrument supplies, February 19, 1904	13.11
3625	Farwell-Ozmun Kirk & Co., hardware, tools, etc., January 13-22-30, February 12, 1904.....	13.65
3626	Noyes Bros. & Outler, tools, January 22, 1904.....	2.00
3627	Haas & Wright, photographs, December 31, 1903.....	1.25
3628	St. Paul Roofing, Cornice & Ornament Co., steel ceiling, March 5, 1904	30.00
3629	Pioneer Press Co., binding book, February 6, 1904.....	1.78
3630	L. L. May & Co., seeds, February 24, 1904.....	57.85
3631	F. P. Harbaugh Co., belting, March 3, 1904.....	18.00

APRIL.

3632	Otto Bremer, city treasurer, pay roll of employes for March, 1904	\$2,506.93
3633	Fred Nussbaumer, salary as superintendent for March, 1904, \$250.00; money advanced for sundry expenses, February 15 to March 15, 1904, \$7.86.....	257.86
3634	Pioneer Fuel Co., coal, February 29, 1904.....	278.30
3635	W. T. Kirke & Co., premium for insurance on dredge boat, February 14, 1904.....	175.00
3636	Thompson & Ege Co., balance in exchange of trap for surrey, March 10, 1904.....	100.00
3637	F. P. Harbaugh Co., rental of engine, March 1, 22, 1904..	50.00
3638	Gribben Lumber Co., lumber, February 29, March 18, 1904	96.04
3639	Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., paint, March 17, 1904.....	19.89
3640	Randall Printing Co., printing, March 14, 1904.....	18.50
3641	H. E. Wedelstaedt Co., printing, March 12, 1904.....	12.75
3642	Standard Oil Company, gasoline, September 4, 1903.....	8.67
3643	Haas & Wright, photographs, March 21, 1904.....	7.00
3644	Boeringer & Son, artist supplies, March 16-17, 1904.....	6.60
3645	G. W. Cunningham & Co., postal cards, March 18, 1904..	3.50
3646	C. P. Gibson, photographs, April 2, 1904.....	2.00
3647	Albert Schuetz, abstract, February 1, 1904.....	.80
3648	Farwell-Ozmun Kirk & Co., fuse, March 17, 1904.....	.72
3649	Robinson & Cary Co., hardware, March 8, 1904.....	.22

MAY.

3650	Otto Bremer, city treasurer, pay roll of employes for April, 1904	\$4,113.31
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3651	Fred Nussbaumer, salary as superintendent for April, 1904, \$250.00; money advanced for horse, May 2, 1904, \$100.00; money advanced for sundry expenses, April 18, 21, 27, 29, 1904, \$32.33.....	382.33
3652	Pioneer Fuel Co., coal, March 22, April 20, 1904.....	427.80
3653	Waterous Engine Co., second-hand road scraper, April 13, 1904	150.00
3654	Haas & Wright, photographs, April 3-8-19, 1904.....	119.90
3655	Hiram T. Jones, bulbs, etc., April 8, 1904.....	49.00
3656	Farwell, Ozmun, Kirk & Co., tools and hardware, March 7, April 9, 1904.....	63.10
3657	Dearborn Drug & Chemical Co., vegetable boiler compound, April 5, 1904.....	44.48
3658	St. Paul Rubber Co., hose, April 27, 1904.....	35.00
3659	Board of Water Commissioners, water connection, April 15, 1904	25.00
3660	H. P. Rugg & Co., engineer's supplies, April 16-18, 1904..	28.32
3661	Richard Price, services as veterinary surgeon, March 22, 24, 28, 1904.....	13.25
3662	St. Paul Foundry Co., man-hole frame and cover, April 18, 1904	8.00
3663	Twin City Rapid Transit Co., Edison light globes, Feb. 29, 1904	4.80
3664	St. Paul Lime & Cement Co., cement, April 4, 1904.....	2.90
3665	Nicols, Dean & Gregg, hardware, March 1, 1904.....	2.35
3666	Railroader Printing Co., printing, March 10, 1904.....	1.50
3667	Frank McCormick, trees, April 29, 1904.....	180.00
3668	Tierney & Schaeffer, feed, April 1, 1904.....	106.08
3669	Nimis & Nimis, batteries, April 29, 1904.....	8.28

JUNE.

3670	Otto Bremer, city treasurer, pay roll for employes for May, 1904	\$7,845.08
3671	Fred Nushbaumer, salary as superintendent for May, 1904, \$250.00; money advanced for sundry expenses, May 12-30, June 1-2-3-4, 1904, \$45.07.....	295.07
3672	H. P. Rugg & Co., engineer supplies, etc., April 30, March 28, May 4-25, 1904.....	45.87
3673	Gribben Lumber Co., lumber, April 28, May 7-16-19-23, 1904	348.55
3674	Pioneer Press Co., half-tone cuts, maps, printing, April 26-29, May 23-24, 1904.....	349.80

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3675	Farwell-Ozmun-Kirk & Co., tools, hardware, etc., April 30, May 3, 1904.....	94.20
3676	Tierney & Schaeffer, feed, May 31, 1904.....	115.14
3677	B. Kippels, air swings, May 14, 1904.....	100.00
3678	Steel Basket Co., baskets, June 1, 1904.....	92.70
3679	Swahn Pottery Co., flower pots, April 20, May 1, 1904....	52.15
3680	Hiram T. Jones, bulbs, April 18, 1904.....	27.00
3681	John M. Thiessen, harness repairs and supplies, Feb. 27, May 14, 1904	29.20
3682	John Olson, general repairs, May 2-11-16, 1904.....	28.45
3683	Thompson & Ege Co., repairing and painting wagon, May 4, 1904	30.00
3684	Standard Oil Company, oil, May 2, 1904.....	23.33
3685	James V. Stevens, mounting, framing and boxing picture, May 25, 1904	10.50
3686	Ohio Coal Co., coal, May 13, 1904.....	10.03
3687	Fred Schroeder, livery, April 27, 1904.....	4.00
3688	St. Paul Lime & Cement Co., cement, April 16, 1904.....	2.10
3689	Boeringer & Son, drawing materials, February 10, March 29, 1904	1.75
3690	D. L. Bell, cement, August 13, 1903.....	1.70
3691	St. Paul Boat Co., Est. No. 1, building gasoline launch..	1,000.00
3692	John Olson, Est. No. 1, construction of custodian's house, Phalen Park	1,200.00
3693	First National Bank of Stillwater, assignee of the Minnesota Boat & Power Co., Est. No. 1, construction of 75 row boats	800.00
3694	First National Bank of Stillwater, assignee of the Minnesota Boat & Power Co., Est. No. 2 and final, construction of 75 row boats.....	962.50

JULY.

3695	Otto Bremer, city treasurer, pay roll of employes for June, 1904	\$8,478.30
3696	Fred Nussbaumer, salary as superintendent, for June, 1904, \$250.00; money advanced for express charges, June 10, 1904, \$1.15.....	251.15
3697	Gribben Lumber Co., lumber, June 6-8-9-15, 1904.....	177.32
3698	Ohio Coal Co., coal, June 2-11-15-21-25, 1904.....	58.41
3699	Northwestern Fuel Co., coal, June 22, 1904.....	47.50
3700	H. P. Rugg & Co., steam pumps and engineer supplies, June 20-22, 1904	189.77

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3701	Standard Oil Co., oil, June 2-18, 1904.....	59.48
3702	Pioneer Press Co., 1,000 copies annual souvenir report, 1903, \$623.00; printing, etc., June 1-23-29, 1904, \$51.25	674.25
3703	Farwell-Ozmun-Kirk & Co., tools and hardware, May 28, 1904	104.74
3704	Tierney & Schaeffer, feed, June 30, 1904.....	100.47
3705	William R. Burkhard Co., oars and locks, June 18, 1904..	86.53
3706	D. Hill, trees, April 30, 1904.....	50.50
3707	Prendergast Bros., plumbing, May 14-26-28, 1904.....	50.99
3708	International Harvester Co., mower, etc., June 22, 1904..	41.80
3709	L. L. May & Co., seeds, June 6, 1904.....	30.00
3710	A. W. Carlson, premium for insurance on custodian's dwelling, Phalen Park, May 15, 1904.....	15.00
3711	Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., paint, etc., June 23, 1904....	13.68
3712	Nicols, Dean & Gregg, hardware, May 28, 1904.....	12.80
3713.	George E. Richardson, plants, June 14, 1904.....	10.00
3714	Noyes Bros. & Cutler, asphaltum, May 18, 1904.....	2.50
3715	Perkins-Thomas Printing Co., printing, June 9, 1904....	2.25
3716	Henry A. Dreer, plants, May 31, 1904.....	20.00
3717	John Olson, Est. No. 2 and final, constructing custodian's house, Phalen Park	437.00

AUGUST.

3718	Otto Bremer, city treasurer, pay roll of employes for July, 1904	\$6,988.59
3719	Otto Bremer, city treasurer, pay roll of park police for July, 1904	520.00
3720	Otto Bremer, city treasurer, pay roll of employes cutting grass on street lawns for July, 1904.....	414.80
3721	Fred Nussbaumer, salary as superintendent for July, 1904, \$250.00; expenses of trip to St. Louis, July 5-11, 1904, \$47.25; money advanced for sundry expenses, July 7-11-19, 1904, \$2.00.....	299.25
3722	Gribben Lumber Co., lumber, May 27, July 6-27, 1904....	123.89
3723	H. P. Rugg & Co., pipe and engineers' supplies, July 12- 26, 1904	327.83
3724	Ohio Coal Co., coal, June 28, July 8, 1904.....	268.73
3725	John Olson, wood shed and closet at Phalen Park and general repairs, June 28, July 21-23, 1904.....	166.37
3726	Farwell-Ozmun-Kirk & Co., hardware, etc., June 15-16- 18, 1904	22.11
3727	Standard Oil Co., oil, June 2-18, 1904.....	17.20

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3728	D. L. Bell, cement, June 7-21, 1904.....	94.70
3729	St. Paul Machine Works, repairing and sharpening mowers, May 7-9-13, June 1-6-11, 1904.....	11.35
3730	A. F. Stewart, brooms, July 23, 1904.....	5.00
3731	Nicols, Dean & Gregg, hardware, June 3, 1904.....	.68
3732	G. W. Cunningham, printing, July 12, 1904.....	2.20
3733	F. G. Leslie Co., paper, June 29, 1904.....	6.50
3734	Noyes Bros. & Cutler, supplies, June 13, 1904.....	.63
3735	St. Paul Boat Co., Est. No. 2, building gasoline launch, August 1, 1904.....	1,400.00

SEPTEMBER.

3736	Otto Bremer, city treasurer, pay roll of employes for August, 1904	\$5,241.68
3737	Otto Bremer, city treasurer, pay roll of park police for August, 1904	520.00
3738	Otto Bremer, city treasurer, pay roll of employes for cutting grass on street lawns.....	500.59
3739	H. P. Rugg & Co., iron pipe, engineer supplies, etc., August, 1904	377.94
3740	Pioneer Press Company, boat tickets and printing, July 27, August 12, 1904.....	29.25
3741	Ohio Coal Co., coal, August 5, 1904.....	198.88
3742	Northwestern Fuel Co., coal, July 7, August 23, 1904....	364.07
3743	Tierney & Schaefer, feed, July 29, 1904.....	103.24
3744	Joseph A. Rogers, premium for insurance on main pavilion Como Park, August 20, 1904.....	120.00
3745	Minnesota Boat & Power Co., setting up engine, etc., July 1, 1904.....	100.00
3746	Gribben Lumber Co., lumber, August 27, 1904.....	64.80
3747	Farwell-Ozmun-Kirk & Co., hardware, etc., July 26, August 1-13, 1904	15.81
3748	John Olson, repairs to plumbing, August 8, 1904.....	14.19
3749	Nicols, Dean & Gregg, hardware, etc., July 13-21-29, 1904	8.88
3750	Albert Schuetz, abstract of title, Sept. 1, 1904.....	7.05
3751	Fred Schroeder, livery, July 1, 1904.....	7.00
3752	F. G. Leslie Co., paper, August 27, 1904.....	6.50
3753	R. L. Polk & Co., city directory (1904), Aug. 2, 1904....	6.00
3754	Parmelee Wrench Co., wrench, July 12, 1904.....	4.50
3755	F. Nussbaumer, salary as superintendent for August,	

	1904, \$250.00; money advanced for postage and abstracts, August 15-24, 1904, \$17.65.....	267.65
3756	Knauff & Leibrock, premium for insurance on launches "Penock Pussey" and "Natantia," August 2-8, 1904..	92.50

OCTOBER.

3757	Otto Bremer, city treasurer, pay roll of employes cutting grass on street lawns for September, 1904.....	\$447.16
3758	Otto Bremer, city treasurer, pay roll of park police for September, 1904	520.00
3759	Otto Bremer, pay roll of employes for September, 1904..	5,473.59
3760	Fred Nussbaumer, salary as superintendent for September, 1904, \$250.00; money advanced for freight, September 12, 1904, 75c.....	250.75
3761	H. P. Rugg & Co., sewer pipe and engineer supplies, September 22-26, 1904.....	160.92
3762	Gribben Lumber Co., lumber, September 2-20, 1904.....	73.50
3763	George W. Keys, tubular well, August 10, 1904.....	103.75
3764	Tierney & Schaeffer, feed, September 29, 1904.....	75.27
3765	Joseph A. Rogers, premium for insurance on chairs at Como Park, September 20, 1904.....	40.00
3766	Schunemann & Evans, cushions for launch, July 30, 1904	37.50
3767	C. P. Gibson, photographs, September 20, 1904.....	24.00
3768	John M. Thiessen, harness supplies, June 10, August 16, 1904	17.10
3769	Robinson & Cary Co., rope, August 23, 1904.....	10.14
3770	Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., asphaltum, September 17, 1904	4.00
3771	Standard Oil Company, oil, August 31, 1904.....	3.56
3772	American Electric Company, electrical supplies, August 10, 1904	3.00
3773	Nicols, Dean & Gregg, hardware, August 9, 1904.....	.63
3774	John Olson, Est. No. 1, construction of Comfort House at Phalen Park	1,250.00

NOVEMBER.

3775	Otto Bremer, city treasurer, pay roll of employes for October, 1904	\$3,562.47
3776	Fred Nussbaumer, salary as superintendent for October, 1904, \$250.00; cash advanced for merchandise and express charges, June 8, October 11-15-18, 1904, \$38.29..	288.29
3777	Tierney & Schaeffer, feed, October 26, 1904.....	195.63

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3778	William R. Burkhard Co., oars, May 25, 1904.....	90.90
3779	St. Paul Foundry Co., repairing roller, October 19, 1904..	79.20
3780	Joseph A. Rogers, premium for insurance on row boats, Como Park	56.25
3781	Northwestern Fuel Co., coal, September 30, 1904.....	47.50
3782	L. L. May & Co., bulbs, September 2, October 4, 1904....	54.25
3783	W. G. Whitehead, glass and putty, September 17-28, 1904	34.40
3784	C. P. Gibson, photographs, November 1, 1904.....	15.00
3785	International Stock Food Co., food, April 7, 1904.....	12.00
3786	G. W. Cunningham, stamped envelopes, October 20, 1904..	12.50
3787	Pioneer Press Co., letter heads, September 30, 1904.....	10.00
3788	Perkins-Thomas Printing Co., printing, August 27, 1904..	2.20
3789	H. P. Rugg & Co., fittings, October 4, 1904.....	5.76
3790	Twin City Rapid Transit Co., incandescent lamps, Sep- tember 1, 1904.....	4.80
3791	R. L. Graham, premium for insurance on dwelling house on Cherokee Avenue, October 19, 1904.....	4.00
3792	H. P. Olson, bicycle repairs, November 1, 1904.....	3.55
3793	Richard Price, services as veterinary surgeon, Septem- ber 14, 1904	2.00

DECEMBER.

3794	Otto Bremer, city treasurer, pay roll of employes for November, 1904	\$2,402.50
3795	Fred Nussbaumer, salary as superintendent for Novem- ber, 1904, \$250.00; money advanced for express charges and supplies, November 11-23-25, December 2, 1904, \$4.47.....	254.47
3796	Ohio Coal Co., coal, October 22, 1904.....	243.93
3797	Central Michigan Nursery, plants, October 15, Novem- ber 1, 1904	209.50
3798	Gribben Lumber Co., lumber, October 10-13-17, Novem- ber 21, 1904	242.22
3799	Dearborn Drug & Chemical Works, boiler compound, No- vember 18, 1904	45.64
3800	John Olson, storm sash, etc., October 13, November 8, 1904	41.31
3801	John N. Thlessen, harness repairs and supplies, Septem- ber 23, October 29, November 21, 1904.....	17.35
3802	St. Paul Rubber Co., rubber boots, November 23, 1904...	19.92
3803	Standard Oil Co., waste and gasoline, May 25, June 28, July 30, 1904	18.03

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3804	H. P. Rugg & Co., lead pipe, November 22, 1904.....	1.00
3805	John Olson, Est. No. 2, construction of Comfort House, Phalen Park, December 5, 1904.....	1,043.00
3806	Farwell-Ozmun-Kirk & Co., nails, November 30, 1904....	5.05
3807	Albert Schuetz, abstract of title, November 25, 1904.....	3.15
3808	Joseph A. Rogers, premium for insurance on boat at Phalen Park, November 25, 1904.....	62.50
3809	Wilkins Tree Transplanter Co., tree transplanter, De- cember 16, 1904.....	850.00
Total		<hr/> \$79,653.59

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE T. REDINGTON,

City Clerk and Ex-officio Secretary Board of
Park Commissioners.

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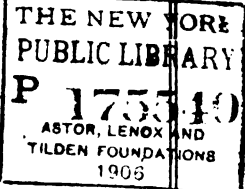
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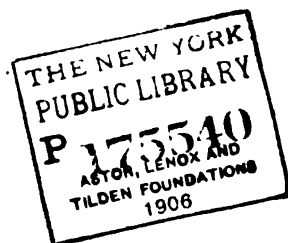
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BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 1, 1905, TO MARCH 1, 1906.

J. A. WHEELLOCK,

President.

H. W. TOPPING,

Vice President.

GEORGE T. REDINGTON,

Secretary.

FRED NUSSBAUMER,

Superintendent.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

FROM

MARCH 1887, TO MARCH 1888.	
WILLIAM A. VAN SLYKE.	RUDOLPH SCHIFFMAN.
GREENLEAF CLARK.	WILLIAM N. CAMPBELL.
JOHN D. LUDDEN.	BERIAH MAGOFFIN.
STANFORD NEWELL.	HIRAM F. STEVENS.
MARCH, 1888, TO MARCH, 1889.	
WILLIAM A. VAN SLYKE.	HIRAM F. STEVENS.
JOHN D. LUDDEN.	BERIAH MAGOFFIN.
STANFORD NEWELL.	ASAHEL G. WEDGE.
RUDOLPH SCHIFFMAN.	
MARCH, 1889, TO MARCH, 1890.	
H. C. ELLER.	RUDOLPH SCHIFFMAN.
E. A. HENDRICKSON.	HIRAM F. STEVENS.
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STANFORD NEWELL.	A. G. WEDGE.
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HOMER C. ELLER.	RUDOLPH SCHIFFMAN.
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JOHN D. LUDDEN.	WILLIAM A. VAN SLYKE.
JOHN DALE.	FRANK D. ROSS.
STANFORD NEWELL.	A. G. WEDGE.
MARCH, 1891, TO MARCH, 1892.	
DANIEL ABERLE.	HILER H. HORTON.
JOHN DALE.	CHARLES H. PETSCH.
MARCH, 1892, TO MARCH, 1893.	
DANIEL ABERLE.	HILER H. HORTON.
W. C. BREDENHAGEN.	CHARLES H. PETSCH.
MARCH, 1893, TO MARCH, 1894.	
DANIEL ABERLE.	HILER H. HORTON.
W. C. BREDENHAGEN.	JOSEPH A. WHEELOCK.
MARCH, 1894, TO MARCH, 1895.	
DANIEL ABERLE.	JOHN ICKLER.
HILER H. HORTON.	JOSEPH A. WHEELOCK.
MARCH, 1895, TO MARCH, 1896.	
DANIEL ABERLE.	WILLIAM HAMM.
JOHN ICKLER.	JOSEPH A. WHEELOCK.
MARCH, 1896, TO MARCH, 1897.	
DANIEL ABERLE.	WILLIAM HAMM.
J. H. ALLEN.	JOSEPH A. WHEELOCK.
MARCH, 1897, TO MARCH, 1898.	
DANIEL ABERLE.	WILLIAM HAMM.
J. H. ALLEN.	JOSEPH A. WHEELOCK.
MARCH, 1898, TO MARCH, 1899.	
PERCY D. GODFREY.	WILLIAM HAMM.
REESE M. NEWPORT.	JOSEPH A. WHEELOCK.
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REESE M. NEWPORT.	JOSEPH A. WHEELOCK.
MARCH, 1900, TO MARCH, 1901.	
LEON T. CHAMBERLAIN.	GUSTAV WILLIUS.
WILLIAM HAMM.	JOSEPH A. WHEELOCK.
MARCH, 1901, TO MARCH, 1902.	
DANIEL ABERLE.	WILLIAM HAMM.
LEON T. CHAMBERLAIN.	JOSEPH A. WHEELOCK.
GUSTAV WILLIUS.	
MARCH, 1902, TO MARCH, 1903.	
DANIEL ABERLE.	J. A. WHEELOCK.
JOHN H. ALLEN.	WILLIAM HAMM.
DR. ROBERT O. EARL.	
MARCH, 1903, TO MARCH, 1904.	
DANIEL ABERLE.	JOSEPH A. WHEELOCK.
JOHN H. ALLEN.	WILLIAM HAMM.
DR. ROBERT O. EARL.	
MARCH, 1904, TO MARCH, 1905.	
DANIEL ABERLE.	J. A. WHEELOCK.
H. W. TOPPING.	WILLIAM HAMM.
DR. ROBERT O. EARL.	

TENURE OF OFFICE.

	APPOINTED	TERM EXPIRES
DR. ROBERT O. EARL.....	March 1, 1902.	March 1, 1906.
JOSEPH A. WHEELOCK.....	March 1, 1903.	March 1, 1908.
WILLIAM HAMM.....	March 1, 1904.	March 1, 1909.
HERBERT W. TOPPING.....	May 9, 1904.	March 1, 1907.
DANIEL ABERLE.....	March 1, 1905.	March 1, 1910.

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FOR 1905.

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT.

IMPORTANT LEGISLATION SECURED.

While little progress was made last year in the actual work of park and parkway extension, more was done to facilitate it than for many years previous, for the legal obstacles in the way were removed by legislative enactments last winter. One of these corrected an unfortunate change in the Charter of 1900, which rendered of doubtful validity the provisions for condemning land for park and parkway purposes. Another corrected a serious defect in the charter as old as its history, which prohibited the board from paying more than forty per cent for land condemned for park and parkway purposes, and requiring the remainder of its cost to be raised by assessment on the property benefitted. The new act enables the board to pay all or any part of the money required to pay the cost, as ascertained by condemnation proceedings, provided it is in the park fund. Still another act provided for an issue of bonds to the amount of \$100,000.00 to meet the most pressing wants in park and parkway extensions. In compliance with the request of the board, the council authorized the issue of \$75,000 of this sum. But this action was so long delayed, and it took such a long time to get the money in the treasury, that it was not till December that the board could legally order the condemnation of the tracts of land immediately required, which was done as follows:

LAND CONDEMNED.

First—A strip of land along and including the Mississippi river bluff from Watson avenue to near Snelling bridge, a distance of about two and one-quarter miles for the extension of the river boulevard which has already been constructed for about two miles from Marshall avenue to Randolph street.

Second—A strip of land on the southwest side of Como avenue from Rice street to Western avenue, forty feet wide, except where it takes in the whole of the small triangle cut across by the forty foot strip. This to widen Como avenue as a portion of the proposed parkway from the Capitol along Park avenue to and through Como avenue to Como Park. It will be necessary to supplement the widening of this section of Como avenue by condemning ten feet on each side of the section from the Great Northern bridge to Front street, or so much thereof as the city failed to acquire in its condemnation proceedings several years ago,

Third—All that portion of the finely wooded tract between Union street and Como Lake boulevard not already in possession of the city.

Fourth—The forty acres of forest land between Phalen Park and Arcade street, which nature has made a part of that woodland park.

THE WEST SIDE BLUFF BOULEVARD.

In addition to these, the board has ordered the condemnation of a strip of land along and including the bluff on the west side of the river between the high bridge to a point about fifteen hundred feet west thereof, for which the sum of \$13,000 has been conditionally donated by a generous private citizen. This money will only be used in case the land can be purchased at a reasonable price. The acquisition of this strip will be another important step forward towards realizing the long cherished dream of a boulevard embracing the crest and slopes of the bluff from South Wabasha street to Mendota and beyond. The first step was accomplished partly by gift and partly by purchase in 1904, when a much larger amount of land was acquired along the bluff east of the high bridge for a distance of about sixteen hundred feet to Ohio street. About four acres of this land lies on top of the bluff, and when the improvement now begun has been completed, it will make an admirable outlook park. The strip west of the High bridge we are now seeking to secure, includes a part of a beautiful grove some five acres in extent, the whole of which would make a fine neighborhood and prospect park, and should be secured as soon as possible for that purpose. The first attempt to start this west side boulevard project was made a number of years ago when the city undertook to secure a

narrow roadway on the edge of the bluff between South Wabasha and Ohio streets. It was defeated by the short sighted greed of some of the property owners.

This west side bluff which stretches for about four and one-half miles from South Wabasha to Mendota, a continuous cliff of sedimentary rock clad with native foliage, except as denuded by natural forces or the hand of man, is a dominant note in the landscape harmonies of St. Paul, for it stands out in the open, the most conspicuous and familiar of the natural features within the daily vision of the people from all the many points of view which look out upon the Mississippi valley from the river front or from the heights which encircle the city, while its own summit commands the splendid panorama of river scenery, including the sparkling crescent of the city and its environment of hills from Dayton's bluff to the white promontory of Fort Snelling. No more important duty devolves upon the board than the preservation and improvement for public use and enjoyment of these commanding features of the picturesque river frontage of St. Paul.

THE TWIN CITY RIVERSIDE PARK.

The people of St. Paul are so well pleased with the river boulevard from Marshall avenue to Randolph street, that they are eager for its speedy completion southward to Snelling bridge. This done, there should be no delay in pushing its extension to the Minneapolis boundary, over a mile northward from Marshall avenue, where it will connect with the east side boulevard of Minneapolis.

The river boulevard on the Minneapolis side now built from Minnehaha Park to Lake street is to be completed this year to Franklin bridge, making its whole length three and one-half miles. Thus these dual boulevards, supplemented on the west side by the military road through the reservation to Snelling bridge will form a circuit of nearly ten miles of driveway, looking down on the enchanting scenery of the deep and narrow gorge through which the swift river has cut its way. They will be linked together by three bridges: Snelling bridge at one end, soon to be replaced by a stronger and wider one; Marshall avenue bridge, now being widened to carry the tracks of a new interurban street railway, and Franklin avenue bridge at its northern end. These two river parkways when completed will be much more than scenic drives. They will form in fact, an extensive and beautiful park some five miles long and a third of a mile wide, whose natural unity cannot be sundered by accidental differences of political jurisdiction. A feature of common interest is the still water lake

formed by the dams which are being built by the government ostensibly for navigation purposes, but which incidentally serve a useful purpose as a field for aquatic recreation. It will require some common action by the two park boards to regulate its uses. This Twin City Riverside Park thus necessarily forms a bond of union which will doubtless lead to a closer co-operation of these boards, not only in matters of common interest in this park, but in the development of other interurban parkway schemes, heretofore referred to in this paper.

NUSSBAUMER'S PLAN OF PARK ENTRANCE.

When this tract between Union street and Como Lake boulevard is acquired, it is a favorite idea of the superintendent, that the main entrance from Como avenue to the park should be through this pleasant belt of woods, and be marked with an imposing gateway at the corner of Como avenue and Union street. Certainly this would give a dignity which is now lacking to the Como avenue entrance to the park, and is well worthy of consideration.

LEXINGTON PARKWAY.

Of the actual improvements now on foot, by far the most important is the conversion of Lexington avenue from its wretched condition of a neglected country road into a creditable parkway, long needed as an uptown approach to Como Park. After years of effort it was only during the last winter that we succeeded under condemnation proceedings in widening this avenue from eighty to one hundred and sixty feet, thirty feet, however, being reserved on each side for a minimum lawn space between the houses and the street, and ten feet on each side for widening the street. We had supposed that when this was accomplished there would be no further delay in removing the railroad tracks from the street, as the company had agreed with the board to do so as soon as the council has provided another route for the cars to Hamline.

A NEW OBSTRUCTION.

But last winter the council fixed upon Blair street from Como avenue to Lexington, and thence two blocks on Lexington to Minnehaha street as the new route, and with other conditions it would have delayed the removal of the tracks from the avenue indefinitely. Negotiations with the street railroad company during the last summer resulted in a proposition which was submitted to the council and promised an easy solution of the tangle. This was to substitute Lafond street for Blair as the new route as far as Hamline, the company undertaking to grade the four blocks west of Lexington at its own ex-

pense, provided the city would postpone the construction of the cross town line on Dale for five years. Nothing seems to have been done as yet with this proposition, but it is to be hoped that this or some other adjustment will be effected before spring opens, which will take the tracks off Lexington avenue and enable the board to prosecute the intended improvements between University avenue and the Great Northern bridge. One of the most vexatious consequences of this delay is that no trees can be planted in that section of the avenue while the tracks are in the way.

Meanwhile the superintendent began the work of grading and surfacing the avenue between Summit and University avenues late in September, and had nearly completed this part of the work less than a block short of a mile, when the advent of freezing weather in October put a stop to further progress. Although the final gravel surfacing and rolling was not quite finished, the work was so well done, and done so speedily and cheaply as to give the public a delightful surprise, after the recent disappointing experience in a gravel surface road in the near neighborhood.

The work will be fully completed early this year, including the plan of lawn and tree ornamentation as far at least, as University avenue. Whether the adjacent property will be as greatly benefitted by it as has been expected, will depend upon the way it is treated by the owners. If it is cut up into narrow lots, with the houses close to the building line, the character of the improvement will be lowered to this stingy allotment of house space. If, on the other hand, the owners should have the good business sense to get together and agree to divide the land into lots of at least seventy-five feet in width, it would make Lexington Parkway nearly as desirable a residence street as Summit avenue, and add correspondingly to the value of the property, for by this means the lot owners would add very much to the beauty of the avenue.

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC BRIDGE.

The completion of Lexington parkway north of the Great Northern bridge has been for years awaiting the construction of a bridge to carry the Northern Pacific tracks across the avenue, and the lowering of the avenue so that carriages and foot travel could pass under the bridge. The necessity of this separation of grades in order to avoid the danger to life incident to such a grade crossing has long been recognized by that company, but it was only recently when it was obvious that these dangers would be greatly increased by the greatly increased travel that must follow the opening of Lexington parkway, that our representations to President Elliott resulted in his decision to proceed forthwith to the construction of the bridge. As this bridge is to form

the gateway of Como Park at the terminus of the noble parkway approach thereto from the up-town districts of the city, it was strongly urged that that structure should be of concrete and thus easily moulded by a competent architect to artistic forms and lines, suitable to this conception of the nobility of its place and office. There seems to be no good reason why, with such material and such an architect a design cannot be agreed upon which will meet these views and unite artistic fitness with the strength and solidity required by the engineers, without costing more than the company will be willing to put into a structure which occupies so important a place in the artistic equipment of our principal park.

A BAD JOG IN THE PARKWAY.

But before proceeding to the final completion of the plan of surface ornamentation of this section of the avenue heretofore submitted by the superintendent, it may be worth while to consider whether it would not be better to take measures, as soon as possible, to correct the awkward lines of the parkway heretofore established north of the Great Northern bridge. When this question came up years ago of widening Lexington avenue, there were hardly any buildings on it from one end to the other, except on the east side of this section of the avenue, much of which was occupied by small houses on very narrow lots belonging to poor people. The board thought it would be a hardship to them to condemn these lots at that time, and therefore concluded to leave them alone. This they were better enabled to do by the liberality of the Northern Pacific in donating to the city for this parkway a strip of land forty feet wide on the west side of the avenue from the Northern Pacific right of way to that of the Great Northern. But though leaving them alone was kindly meant it was a mistake. All the rest of the avenue was widened forty feet on each side, thirty feet thereof for a house line. The exception of this section, from this otherwise uniform rule of enlargement makes an unsightly jog in that terminal part of the avenue just where it is most important that the symmetry of its proportions should be maintained.

Moreover, the property for a block or two on this east side of the street will be damaged considerably by the cut made in lowering the grade, and since the city must pay these damages; would it not be better to condemn the whole of these very narrow lots for widening the parkway, and revise the plan of improvement north of the bridge accordingly? If not done now, it will have to be done some time, and it could be done now at much less cost than at some future time.

REMOVAL OF THE WORKHOUSE.

The approaching completion of Lexington parkway calls loudly for the immediate improvement of the adjacent southwest eighty acres of Como Park which it abuts for a quarter of a mile. Its lowered level brings it down to that of the entrance roadway, which several years ago was graded down to meet it, and thus opens the door to that beautiful, but heretofore isolated and neglected section of the park. It sharply accentuates the demand for the removal of the workhouse, illegally located there many years ago. Not only is the maintenance in a public park of a prison for thieves and vagrants, and the scum of the law-breaking element, wholly incompatible with the purposes of a park, and therefore an intolerable, moral nuisance, but it is directly in the way of the development of the system of park work and of the improvement of this extensive portion of the park, which is an intolerable physical nuisance. Although the park board has heretofore permitted its temporary occupancy of the ground now appropriated by it until the city was better able to provide for its location in a more suitable place, the time has now come when the board can no longer postpone the duty of calling upon the council to take measures to locate it elsewhere, as soon as possible. It would be a public shame to allow this misplaced prison to continue to obstruct the development of this large and important section of the park and deprive the public of its use when all other obstacles to its improvement are about to be removed.

PHALEN PARK.

The extension of the street railway to Phalen Park was the most interesting event of last year's park season. It was followed by an attendance which surpassed expectation, the crowds on Sundays and holidays not being far behind those at Como. There can be no doubt that it will attract still greater numbers when the improvements planned for the near future shall have been carried out. Of these, the boulevard and water-way along Phalen Creek between Lakes Phalen and Gervais, being an extension of the boulevard around the shores of Lake Phalen, will open a passage for motor and row boats between the lakes, making a delightful boat ride of over three miles, from the foot of Lake Phalen to the top of Lake Gervais. The ornamental driveway along the canalized creek will be hardly less attractive. Illuminated by electric lights, this interlaken boulevard and waterway will present a fairy scene that will attract multitudes. But to reach the boulevard outside the park limits will require an expenditure along the shore within those limits of at least \$25,000, mostly for building the bridges across the mouth of the Island canal

and of Phalen Creek outlet. But it will add greatly to the value of the lands adjacent to the boulevards outside the city limits; for it will bring them within a short distance of the street railway station in the park, cutting off a wide detour which they must otherwise traverse to reach the railroad. It will cost a great deal of money beside to construct the boulevard outside the city limits and the Phalen Creek canal. But before these boulevards of canal can be constructed, the land needed for the purpose must first be acquired, and it can only be acquired by donation. The strip of land two hundred and fifty feet wide required for the boulevard and canal on Phalen Creek consists of wholly worthless swamp and water. The one hundred and fifty feet required for the shore boulevard is of very small value compared to the increased value which would be given to the adjacent land by the costly improvements in question. Nearly all the owners concerned have promised deeds, but the board will not put a dollar in these improvements, except to build a temporary bridge across the Island canal, until the deeds for all the land required are recorded. The work of dredging out the Phalen Creek canal is for the present obstructed by the Wisconsin Central bridge, but as it will cost very little to get rid of this difficulty, a way will doubtless soon be found to accomplish this.

THE PARKS OF ST. PAUL.

In his annual address for 1903, your president gave a historical and descriptive review of the parks of St. Paul, especially of the four landscape or scenic parks, to-wit: Como Park, 424 acres, Phalen Park, 460 acres, Indian Mounds, 76 acres, and Shadow Falls Park, 35 acres, which then, as now, was included in the more general designation of the Riverside Park, heretofore described, the finest half of which belongs to St. Paul. Besides these extensive scenic parks, St. Paul has twenty-five neighborhood parks, of which fifteen are improved, the largest and most important of which are Langford Park, 9.3 acres and Merriam Terrace, 7.7 acres. Among others, mostly squares, which their situation in the heart of the city, renders peculiarly important, are Rice, Smith, Irvine, Central and Summit Parks, and Outlook Park, formerly Carpenter Park, in a commanding situation on Summit avenue. It will suffice here to repeat the following language of that address:

A SYMMETRICAL PARK SYSTEM.

"These four scenic parks, two of them popular lakeside resorts, the other two fronting on the Mississippi river at the opposite extremes of its double horse shoe course through the city, form a system which unites all their diverse

elements in a harmonious whole. They all differ widely from each other. Each has a distinct and characteristic physiognomy and functions of its own; but each supplies something which the others lack, and is the complement of all the rest. Taken together they embrace such a wide range and diversity of beauties and attractions as to give the St. Paul park system a unity and completeness which is rarely to be found in any other city. The quiet rural beauty of Como park; the abuatic allurements of Phalen's triple lake expanse with the primitive wildness of its woodland setting; the magnificent panorama of river and valley prospect commanded by Indian Mounds Park, with its own picturesque contours, and the exquisite details of the scenery along the Mississippi River boulevard with its park adjuncts, present an assemblage of diversified beauties which would seem adapted to every mood of the lover of nature and to the satisfaction of every variety of tastes." To this may be added that St. Paul stands first among the cities of the country in the per capita acreage of its park lands, and that Como Park is much the largest park in the Northwest, exclusive of the water service.

THE PARKWAYS OF ST. PAUL.

While St. Paul takes a just pride in its park system, it is yet lamentably deficient in parkways, its lack of dignified or even decent approaches to Como Park having long been the subject of keen mortification. But this was largely the result of the lack of legal powers to carry out the schemes of parkway, long since protected by the park board.

Como Park is the central nexus of this scheme of parkways, which has mainly grown out of our park system. From it radiate eastward the proposed boulevard four or five miles long connecting Como with Phalen Park, and the latter by another boulevard, two miles long, with Indian Mounds Park. On the west, we have long since started a chain of parkways and drives whose chief objective is the river boulevard north of Marshall avenue with a branch to the University Campus, where it would again articulate with the Minneapolis section of the East Side boulevard. Of this chain the only completed link is Midway parkway, between Como Park and State Fair grounds, half a mile long and two hundred feet wide, which is partly continued in narrower lines through the State Fair grounds, and is to be extended through the State Agricultural farm and through St. Anthony Park and Raymond avenue to the river boulevard. The southern spokes of this wide wheel of parkways are the two chief approaches to Como Park, Lexington parkway and Como parkway. Lexington parkway now terminates at its junction with Summit avenue, but is eventually to be extended to the river boulevard when continued below Snelling

bridge. It articulates with Summit avenue boulevard, which is two and one half miles long, from Lexington avenue west to the river, and two hundred feet wide. The Mississippi River boulevard as originally planned, extends from the Minneapolis boundary to Toronto street, a distance of eight miles, but its extension below Snelling bridge is yet unsettled. The West side bluff boulevard from South Wabasha street to Mendota has already been enlarged upon.

CAPITOL APPROACHES.

Although Lexington avenue will be much the finer, Como parkway is much the more important of the two city approaches to Como Park for it is a part of the proposed chain of parkways extending from the State Capitol through Como Park, the State Fair grounds, and the State Agricultural farm to the State University Campus, and the river boulevard system of Minneapolis and St. Paul. To still further emphasize its importance it connects the park and parkway system of the city with the proposed front approaches to the Capitol. For this superb masterpiece of architectural genius, the seat and symbol of the state's sovereignty stands on high ground and lifts its stately proportions and the perfect dome which crown it, high above the buildings around it, so that it is easily the dominant feature of the map of the city, the objective point and center of any broad and effective plan of city street ornamentation. The three approaches to it tentatively proposed by its architect, converging upon a spacious semi-circular plaza in front of the Capitol, merge into Como parkway, and thus become a magnificent part of the approaches to Como Park and of the parkway system of the city. They could hardly be improved. The broad garden extending from the new Capitol grounds between Wabasha and Cedar streets, down to those of the old Capitol, the mall on the axis of the Capitol, at least to Seven Corners, both reaching down to the most important business districts of the city, and finally the boulevard connecting the finest monument of civil architecture in the city with the splendid Catholic Cathedral, soon to be erected at the portals of its finest residence district, will not only illuminate the Capitol with a new splendor and bring its noble proportions into brighter relief, but will diffuse the charm and elevating influence of these several forms of parkway embellishment throughout the city. It is impossible to over-estimate the advantage which would result to the city from carrying out this or some substantially similar scheme of approaches to the Capitol. It would not only serve to beautify the districts of the city which most need it, but it would stimulate the ambition and activity of the people of St. Paul in every neighborhood to make it what nature designed it to be, the most beautiful city in the West.

PROJECTED PARKWAYS.

The projected parkways of St. Paul which were planned years ago are as follows:

	Miles.
The Mississippi River boulevard from Minneapolis boundary to Toronto street.....	8
West side boulevard from South Wabasha to Mendota.....	4½
Como Parkway from the new Capitol to Como Park.....	2½
A chain of parkways and drives from Como Park west and southwest to the river boulevard, including Midway parkway, drives through State Fair grounds and Raymond avenue.....	3½
Lexington parkway from Como Park to River boulevard.....	5
Summit avenue boulevard.....	2½
Como to Phalen	4
Phalen to Indian Mounds.	2
Summit avenue boulevard	2½
Total.....	34½

Of these the only parkways or parts of parkways acquired and completed are:

	Miles.	Acres
Summit avenue boulevard.....	2½	60
River boulevard	2	74.67
Como Parkway.	½	6
Midway parkway.....	½	12
West side boulevard.....	½	10
Lexington parkway, acquired but not completed.....	2½	44.40
Total.....	8½	207.07

Of course the miles of boulevards in the parks are not included in this list.

The acquisition of the land now under consideration for parkways will add to this total about 2¼ miles and 101 acres.

AN EXTERIOR ZONE OF PARKWAYS.

The topography of the country around St. Paul and Minneapolis is admirably adapted to the scheme of an "Exterior Zone of Parks and Parkway" suggested and enlarged upon in previous addresses. The map illustrative of the possibilities of this scheme prepared by Mr. Nussbaumer for the Twin City exhibit at St. Louis, which has since engaged the attention of landscape architects throughout the country, will be recognized as an important contribution

to the development of the project. But this ideal scheme will hardly be taken hold of by the park boards of the two cities acting in concert until they have attained at least twice their present population. But it is not at all necessary that they should act in concert for a good while to come. It is much more likely that each city will work out those parts of the scheme which fall in naturally and logically with their own lines of local parkway development. Thus, St. Paul may be expected before long to take measures to extend the Interlaken boulevard at Phalen Park to White Bear and Bald Eagle lakes and to gradually push it through the zodiac of lakes with their charming landscapes west of these favorite summer resorts. Then it will be strongly tempted to extend the picturesque driveway which Mr. Nussbaumer has built through Indian Mounds Park to the gates of the Fish Hatchery through the enlarged grounds of the Hatchery and up the slopes of the adjacent hills to the summit ridge of the Burlington heights, an ideal location for a parkway, several miles in length, which would command a long succession of the magnificent views which are the glory of the Indian Mounds Park.

TOTAL PARK AND PARKWAY AREAS.

The total present area of the parks and parkways of St. Paul is as follows:

Acres of land in Parks.....	693.58
Acres of water in parks.....	351
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Acres of land in parkways.....	207.07
Total acres in parks.....	1,044.58
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	1,251.65

The acquisition of the land now under condemnation orders will add to these totals 68.9 acres of park areas and 101 acres of parkway areas.

A PARADE GROUND.

One of St. Paul's needs which will be felt more and more as the City grows, is a parade ground in some suitable central location for military and other parades, great popular gatherings and public meetings. The land for that purpose, from ten to forty acres, could be now had cheap in some of the older and decayed sections of the city. It would be well to keep this in mind with a view to improve any favorable opportunities that may offer.

PLAYGROUNDS.

The strong and spontaneous endorsement by the people of the Charter amendment in 1904 empowering the Council to appropriate \$10,000 a year for playground purposes, is sufficient evidence that a consistent and vigorous policy of playground development is demanded by popular sentiment in this city. For lack of legal power to create a new municipal office, the council could not carry out the original intention of making the Playground Committee an independent bureau, and therefore vested the supervision of the Committee's acts in the park board. But this arrangement, aside from the friction it has occasionally developed, is inconvenient and embarrassing to both, and should be terminated as soon as possible by a Charter amendment placing this branch of the public business wholly in charge of the Playground Committee. To get the best results, the responsibility must be concentrated in one body. Aside from the greater stimulus this would give to the zeal and ambition of the Committee, it is much better for the community to enlist as many different groups of earnest workers for the public good as possible by specializing the lines of work which would be benefited by concentration.

A PARK PLAYGROUND.

The park board, moreover, will soon have its own playground to attend to. Superintendent Nussbaumer has recently evolved a plan for an extensive playground in Como Park, in a situation much better adapted to the purpose than the broad, level field of fifteen acres heretofore selected for it, for while nature has made the latter a beautiful playground it is unfortunately in an isolated part of the park, remote from the familiar thoroughfares and haunts of the people. It has always been a serious problem how to bring it within the easy reach of the people. But the playground now proposed by Mr. Nussbaumer is situated in the close neighborhood of the pavilion and of the favorite haunts of the crowds of visitors. It consists of eleven acres in the swamp just west of the northwest end of Como Lake and between it and the ridge which divides it from Cosy Lake. It is surrounded by some of the finest scenery of the park and is in the close neighborhood of the Japanese garden. There is plenty of space in it for every variety of games and sports, and around it for carriage ways and foot paths. It could be put to no use as welcome to the public. It will be a great addition to the attractions of Como Park. The Superintendent has been making a study of playgrounds for some years, and if he makes the success of this one which is expected, it may result in a public demand that the entire playground interest be made a part of the park system. The responsibility for the management of the playgrounds should be in one body or the other.

THE NEW PAVILION.

Nothing could have been more fortunate for the park board than the arrangement by which, under one of the conditions of the settlement between the city and the Street Railway Company, \$30,000 which the latter had agreed to turn over to the city for one of two public purposes was appropriated by the Council to the park board, for the building of a pavilion at Como Park. For the old pavilion had long been outgrown, and had reached the last stages of delapidation and decay. To build a new one such as was needed would cost nearly \$40,000, and the money was nowhere to be had. It was a fortunate windfall, therefore, which placed \$30,000 of this amount at the disposal of the board for this purpose, and the board believed that \$8,000 more could be spared from the park fund to make up the required sum. This estimate was based on preliminary plans made by Superintendent Nussbaumer. It was decided to invite competing designs, with the understanding that the cost of the building was not to exceed \$38,000. Several designs were submitted, of which the cost was estimated by the architect in each instance to be within that figure, but the one which was preferred, when the specifications came to be figured out, largely exceeded that figure. When its rejection for this reason was decided on, it was too late in the season to invite new designs, and the board therefore proceeded to select an architect to design a building of reinforced concrete in accordance with the ground plan furnished by Mr. Nussbaumer, to cost not more than \$38,000. Mr. Nussbaumer was charged with its construction by day labor, and instructed to proceed with the work at once, in order if possible to get the foundation and first floor laid before the winter set in. Thanks to his untiring energy and skill, this was accomplished, and there is now every reason to expect that he will be able to complete the structure early in June, in time for the Park opening. If the usual course had been followed, and the building had been let by contract, the same structure would probably have cost nearer \$45,000 than \$38,000 and would not have been completed before next fall. The building is in two sections, one containing a spacious restaurant and assembly room, and the other the covered auditorium having a seating capacity for two thousand and ample space for promenading. It will have a spacious warming room underneath for skaters in winter, and plenty of room for storing boats.

THE REFRESHMENT PRIVILEGE AND MUSIC.

The much larger accommodations for crowds and for restaurant purposes provided in this new pavilion, will, undoubtedly, attract a great many more patrons to the restaurant than the smaller old building. Heretofore the refreshment privilege has been leased to the Street Railway Company, on the

condition that it should furnish a certain number of concerts during the park season by a band of a stated number of instruments. The company has sublet the privilege to a purveyor who got his profit out of it, while the company applied the remainder in part payment of what the concerts cost it. Obviously if the privilege is let at all it should be let directly to the persons operating it. But there seems to be no good reason why the board should not employ its own caterer at a fixed compensation, and then take all the profits of the bigger restaurant and apply them to furnishing the public with more and better music. Under this arrangement the board could institute some needed reforms in the management of the restaurant which would be very desirable, such as that certain plain and simple articles of refreshment, such as bread and butter and sandwiches, and milk and perhaps tea and coffee, and wholesome soft drinks, such as lemonade, could be furnished at cost, charging usual restaurant prices for more elaborate and sumptuous spreads. In this way, the many visitors to the park who are persons of small means and the families of the poor could be supplied with refreshments for the trifle they could afford, and thus a new element of comfort and pleasure would be added to their day's outing.

It is a serious question whether the pavilion and restaurant at Indian Mounds Park could not be run in this way, but perhaps a reform of this kind there had better be postponed until the ugly and awkward old building which was on the ground when the land was purchased can be replaced by a new and better pavilion.

It is unquestionably the duty of the park board to furnish refreshments and all legitimate amusements and recreations to the public at as low a price as possible, and perhaps the boat tariff both at Como and Phalen might be considerably reduced after the boats bought and needed have been paid for, but this reduction will probably have to wait until the appropriation for park purposes is largely increased.

NEEDED CHARTER AMENDMENTS.

Although the most serious defects of the City Charter, which have hampered the operations of the park board, were at least partially cured by charter amendment and legislative enactment in the last two years, it is still in need of so many corrections and changes that this board is much disappointed that the Charter Commission did not proceed with the revision of the Charter which it started out last fall to accomplish. It was at least hoped that the chapter relating to parks would be thoroughly revised and submitted as a separate proposition. For this purpose the board was prepared to submit to the Commission the amendments necessary, some of them highly important. One of these provided for the condemnation of a house line easement not more than fifty feet in width on

each side of any boulevard or parkway. There is already a law on the statute book which purports to clothe the park boards with this power, but as it is a general law it is said to be of doubtful constitutionality when applied to local conditions in this city. We want a law suited to the machinery of our city government.

Another important amendment is one investing in the park board the care of all the trees on the city streets, and including planting and trimming thereof, and authorizing it to assess the abutting property for the cost of service of that sort, as in the case of cutting the grass and planting trees under the present law.

AN ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT.

The park records of the cities of the country may be safely challenged to show another instance in which such a large amount of work has been done of such high character at such relatively small cost as in St. Paul during the last fifteen years. For these results we are chiefly indebted to the Superintendent of Parks, Mr. Frederick Nussbaumer, who through all the changes in the personnel of the park board has been continuously the manager of its affairs, and has possessed the unbounded confidence of the board. It was very fortunate in having a superintendent who knew how to do so many things, and to do them well. He was remarkably well fitted for the work. By education and training in the thorough German school of gardening, he is an expert gardener, florist, forester surveyor and civil engineer. As a road engineer and builder he has few equals, and except Prof. Cleveland, who partly laid out the road system of Como Park, since considerably modified, extended and improved by Mr. Nussbaumer, the board has had no other landscape gardener than he. In the main he has done his work so well that the criticisms it has received have been largely unwarranted. He is besides a highly competent builder, and although he does not claim to be an architect he has designed and constructed nearly all the buildings and bridges in our parks. In all these capacities he has saved a lot of money to the park fund. It is, of course, much less important in the long run to save money in any kind of artistic park work than to have it done in accordance with the highest standards of art. Both the strictest economy and the best available art are believed to be united in the new pavilion. Mr. Nussbaumer has already saved a great deal of money and time in the construction of the foundation and first floor of the new pavilion, and will unquestionably save thousands more in the construction of the building, besides completing it in time for the opening of the park season, several months before it could have been done by the contrac t

method. And the reason why he saves so much money and time in this and other park work is that he not only knows how it should be done, but devotes his immediate personal attention to seeing that it is done, with the untiring zeal and industry of a man whose whole heart and soul are in his work. Moreover, he is an able and careful business man who knows how to get the largest results for the smallest amounts of money, and his honesty is proof against any suggestion of graft or of any other form of subserviency to political influences. Other park boards employ several different men to perform the functions which are united in his person. But the increasing demand for his services in all these capacities will soon multiply his labors beyond the capacity of even his unflagging energy and zeal. He performs in addition a large part of the work that should be done by the Secretary of the board, if the Secretary was not the servant of two masters, and was free to devote his whole time to park business. Now he proposes to develop a large playground in Como Park, which will inevitably lead to playgrounds in other parks, thus adding to his burdens. It is not good policy or good economy to ride a free horse to death. The Superintendent says in his report that he has been obliged to postpone some important tasks in his landscape work on the river boulevard because he could not find time to attend to them. For all these reasons, unless some other way of relieving him from overwork occurs to the board, I would venture to suggest that when the new board is re-organized in March and the Superintendent is re-appointed, that he be authorized to appoint an assistant at a salary sufficient to command the services of a man in every way competent for the position.

AN IMPORTANT RULE.

By resolution passed September 21, 1903, the park board adopted the following rule to-wit:

"That before leave shall be given to erect any monument, statue or other work of art of an ornamental or monumental character or any permanent structure such as buildings or bridges in any of the parks or park ground of this city the design for the same and a plat of the situation and surroundings shall be first submitted to the judgment of an advisory expert or committee of experts and his or their report shall be laid before and duly considered by the board before final action shall be taken in the matter."

On October 19, 1903, Cass Gilbert was duly appointed "official advisory architect" of the board. To a great extent this rule has been ignored. I am so strongly impressed with the importance of this rule that I cannot refrain from

concluding what is probably my last address to the board by expressing the earnest hope that in the future the policy thus defined may be strictly adhered to and by repeating the conviction that the board will not be true to its noblest trust if it fails to insist on the highest attainable standard of artistic merit in all park structures rebuilt, for use or ornament or monumental purposes, as well in landscape gardening and in all works pertaining to the broad field of park improvement.

J. A. WHEELOCK, President.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, February 26th, 1906.

THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS,
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

GENTLEMEN:—

I have the honor herewith to submit the Fifteenth Annual Report of my office.

The members of the Board of Park Commissioners, on January 1st, A. D. 1905, were Messrs. Daniel Aberle, Robert O. Earle, M. D. Wm. Hamm, H. W. Topping and J. A. Wheelock.

Mr. Daniel Aberle was re-appointed by the Mayor, March 1st, 1905, for the term of five years.

At the annual meeting held April 3d, A. D. 1905, the following officers were elected:

President, Joseph A. Wheelock.

Vice-President, Herbert W. Topping.

Superintendent, Fred Nussbaumer.

On January 3d, 1905, an ordinance establishing Playgrounds and places of recreation for children, and providing for the regulation and maintenance thereof was recommended for passage by the Common Council, by the Park Board.

On the same date, the sum of \$1,000.00 was appropriated by the Park Board to aid in improving the Approach to the Public Baths.

On January 16th, 1905, the Board approved a contract between the St. Paul City Railway Company and the City for the privilege of furnishing refreshments within the limits of Como Park.

On February 7th, 1905, the Board adopted a resolution requesting the Board of County Commissioners to open a roadway along the creek extending from Lake Phalen to Lake Gervais for public travel.

On March 6th, 1905, the Board approved Ordinance No. 2498, entitled "An Ordinance Establishing Playgrounds, and places of recreation for children in the city of St. Paul, and providing for the regulation and maintenance thereof." (The same having been passed by the Common Council and approved by the Mayor, on Feb. 18th, 1905.)

On the same date, a resolution was adopted requesting the officers of the Northern Pacific Railway Company to construct a viaduct on Lexington avenue, where the same crosses the railroad tracks, to a width, the same as said avenue.

On April 17th, 1905, the Board approved Bd. File No. 20897, being a resolution placing the Street Lawns on Lincoln avenue between Victoria street and Oxford street under the care and jurisdiction of the Park Board for the purpose of having the grass on same cut, when necessary, and ordered the Supt. to comply with said resolution.

On the same date, Commissioner Earl and Superintendent Nussbaumer were appointed a permanent Committee to assist the Playgrounds Committee to locate and select suitable sights in the city.

On May 1st, 1905, the Board received a communication from the City Clerk, advising them of the passage of Bd. File 20890, the same being the resolution in which the Common Council pledges itself to include in the budget of 1906 tax levy, the sum of \$30,000.00, this amount having been contributed by the St. Paul City Railway Co., for the purpose of widening Sibley street, or for the construction of a new pavillion at Como Park.

On the same date, resolutions were adopted appointing Arthur Leland as Supervisor of the Children's Playground from May 1st, 1905, to January, 1906, at a salary of \$900.00.

At the meeting of May 15th, 1905, Mr. Benjamin L. Goodkind, on behalf of the Mannheimer Corporation, presented the testimonial memorial in memory of the late Robert Mannheimer. The president at this meeting, accepted the same on behalf of the Park Board.

At the meeting of June 5th, 1905, President Wheelock submitted a communication and report in reference to the lands and moneys donated for the Cherokee avenue Parkway from the High Bridge to Ohio street.

On the same date, the Board adopted resolutions authorizing the St. Paul City Railway Company to extend its double track line of Electric Street Railway from the intersection of Forest street and Lake Como and Phalen avenue, into Phalen Park, with a terminal loop in said park.

On June 12th, 1905, resolutions were adopted instructing the Secretary to advertise for plans and specifications for a new pavillion at Como Park; offering a prize of \$500.00 for the most favorable plans and specifications submitted.

On July 3d, 1905, the Board approved Ay. File No. 8453, being a resolution placing the street lawns on Central avenue, between Cedar and Robert streets, under the care and jurisdiction of the Park Board, for the purpose of having

the grass on same cut when necessary, and ordered the Superintendent to comply with said resolution.

On the same date, the Board adopted resolutions accepting the jurisdiction over and the care and custody of the streets and grounds constituting an approach to Harriet Island Public Baths, as per Bd. File No. 16853, approved February 7th, 1903. and by Ay. File No. 6865, approved February 20, 1903. On August 21st, 1905, Resolutions were adopted requesting the Common Council to authorize the issuance of the bonds of the City of St. Paul, to the extent of \$75,000.00 par value for the purpose of adding to the funds of said city, available for the acquisition of land for park and parkway purposes.

On October 2d, 1905, the Board approved Bd. File No. 21886, being a resolution placing the street lawns on Grotto street, between Summit avenue and St. Clair street under the care and jurisdiction of the Park Board, for the purpose of having the grass on same cut when necessary, and ordered the Superintendent to comply with said resolution.

On October 4th, 1905, the Board adopted resolutions awarding the prize of \$500.00 in accordance with advertisement for plans and specifications for the Como Park pavillion, to Buechner & Orth.

On the same date, resolutions were adopted instructing Superintendent Nussbaumer to proceed to clear the ground of the old pavillion at Como Park, and to put in the foundation of the new one in accordance with the ground plan submitted by him. Also, inviting Mr Clarence H. Johnston to prepare a new and revised design in consultation with Mr. Nussbaumer, as to any changes, deemed desirable effecting the practical requirements of the building, with the understanding that the cost of said building shall not exceed the sum of \$38,000.00. The resolution also authorized the construction of said pavillion by day labor under the supervision of Mr. Nussbaumer, acting when necessary under the advice of the architect.

On October 30th, 1905, the Board adopted the Final Order for the condemnation of land for what is known as "West Side Boulevard."

On the same date, the Board received a communication from Mr. John J. Toomey, transmitting a letter from James J. Hill, together with a check for \$13,000.00 payable to the Board of Park Commissioners and the City, for the purpose of acquiring by purchase or condemnation for park and parkway purposes, a certain strip of land lying and being within the corporate limits of the City of St. Paul, and lying west of the High Bridge, east of Chippewa avenue, and between Cherokee avenue and the foot of the bluff on the south side of the Mississippi River.

On November 6th, 1905, the Board adopted resolutions accepting the donation to the city by Mr. James J. Hill, of the sum of \$13,000.00.

On December 4th, 1905, the Board adopted resolutions instructing the President of the Board to enter into negotiations with W. H. McIntyre for the purchase of part of lots 9 and 10, Block 2, A. D. McKay's Lakeview addition, for not to exceed the sum of \$500.00, and directing the Secretary to report the action of the Board to the Common Council with the request that that honorable body concur therein.

On December 16th, the Board adopted resolutions authorizing the President of the Board to enter into a contract with the owners of lots 18 and 19, Block 16, Suburban Hills addition, at a price of not to exceed the sum of \$650.

On the same date, a Final Order was adopted for the condemnation of lots 16 and 17, Block 16, Suburban Hills Addition for parkway purposes, for what is to be known as "Hoffman Avenue Extension to Indian Mounds Park."

On the same date, the Board adopted the final order for the condemnation of the westerly 50 feet of lots 8, 9 and 10, block 29, Dawson's Subdivision of Block 29, Lafond's Addition, for the public playgrounds extension.

On the same date, the Board adopted a final order for the condemnation of Block 12, E. Rice's First Addition, for what is to be known as "Arlington Park."

On October 2d, 1905, resolutions were adopted repealing Res. No. 712, being a final order for the condemnation of land for Como Park Extension; and No. 713, being final order for the condemnation of land for the Mississippi River Boulevard No. 2, and No. 732, being final order for the condemnation of land for an addition to Phalen Park, and No. 733, being a final order for the condemnation of land for Como Avenue Parkway.

THE CARE OF STREET LAWNS.

The following is an estimate of the cost of cutting and caring for grass on street lawns during the year 1905.

Portland avenue from Victoria street to Dale street.....	\$ 95.86
Iglehart street from Farrington avenue to Lexington avenue.....	305.10
Summit avenue from Dale street to Lexington avenue.....	187.68
Burr street from Collins street to Magnolia street.....	161.88
Marion street from Fuller street to Charles street.....	39.92
St. Peter street from Central avenue to Aurora avenue.....	22.40
Hall avenue from Isabel street to Prospect Terrace.....	27.70
Hague avenue from Dale street to Victoria street.....	93.20
Laurel avenue from Dale street to Chatsworth street.....	137.14

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Aurora avenue from Rice street to Dale street	189.32
Portland avenue from Victoria street to Oxford street.	66.66
Grand avenue from Grotto street to Floral avenue.....	81.70
Grand avenue from Avon street to Victoria street.	24.08
Lincoln avenue from Oakland avenue to Victoria street.....	127.92
Avon street from Summit avenue to Osceola avenue.....	64.00
Goodrich avenue from Dale street to Victoria street.	96.22
Osceola avenue from Pleasant avenue to Victoria street.....	85.42
Fairmount avenue from Dale street to Victoria street.....	94.78
Holly avenue from Dale street to Victoria street.	96.06
Ashland avenue from Dale street to Victoria street.....	96.00
Marshall avenue from Cleveland avenue to Wheeler avenue.....	113.24
Dayton avenue from Dewey avenue to Howell avenue...	20.00
Dewey avenue from St. Anthony avenue to University avenue...	41.28
Feronia avenue from Fairview avenue to Prior avenue.....	42.36
Iglehart street from Cleveland avenue to Wheeler avenue.	107.00
Carroll street from Wilder avenue to Wheeler avenue.....	97.66
Wheeler avenue from Shields avenue to University avenue.	19.78
Carroll street from Mackubin street to Chatsworth street.....	188.62
Dewey avenue from Dayton avenue to Marshall avenue.....	9.64
Lincoln avenue from Victoria street to Oxford street.....	53.94
Central avenue from Cedar street to Robert street.....	9.69
Western avenue from Summit avenue to Carroll street.....	10.16
Summit avenue from Wabasha street to Dale street.	40.70
Portland avenue from Western avenue to Dale street.....	7.92
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	\$2,855.03

PARK FUND.

Receipts.

By Balance January 1, 1905.....	\$ 8,233.90
By Miscellaneous Receipts.....	50,000.00
By Sale Tax Levy Certificates, 1905.....	32,000.00
By Bond Issue	79,547.75
By receipts from 1903 taxes.....	3,800.00
By receipts from 1904 taxes.....	4,000.00
By cutting grass assessments.	2,617.79
By Twin City Rapid Transit Co., for waiting Station and platform..	3,700.00
By Cash Receipts.....	9,988.02
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Total.....	\$193,887.46

Disbursements.

To Salary of Superintendent.....	\$ 3,000.00	
To Salary of employes.....	69,120.96	
To Fuel.....	2,318.98	
To Feed.....	974.06	
To Insurance.....	793.75	
To Boats and Oars.....	1,194.52	
To Plumbing Phalen Park Comfort House.....	2,486.00	
To Trees, Plants, etc.....	696.79	
To Repairs to Building, etc.....	8,744.38	
To Miscellaneous Supplies and Expenses.....	3,511.82	
To Phalen Park Extension.....	238.96	\$93,080.22
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Balance December 31, 1905.....		\$100,807.24

COMO PARK PAVILLION ACCOUNT.**Receipts.**

Contributed by Twin City Rapid Transit Railway Co.....	\$30,000.00
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Disbursements.

To Buechner and Orth, Architects.....	\$500.00	
To Sundry Bills and Payrolls.....	1,796.33	2,296.33
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Balance on Hand January 1, 1906.....		\$27,703.67
West Side Boulevard.....		\$13,000.00
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Balance on Hand January 1, 1906.....		13,000.00

The Conference Committee, in its report to the Common Council, under date of November 28th, 1905, included the sum of \$90,000.00 to the credit of the "Park Fund" in accordance with the amendment to the Charter heretofore referred to, and this latter sum will be available during the current year.

ORDERS DRAWN ON PARK FUND DURING A. D. 1905.**JANUARY.**

3810.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay roll of employes for December, 1904.....	\$2,781.39
3811.—Fred Nussbaumer, salary as Superintendent for December, 1904, \$250.00; money advanced for express charges, for December 6, 7, 31, 1904, \$80.24.....	330.24

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3812.—Ohio Coal Company, coal, November 30, 1904.....	181.50
3813.—Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, paint and brushes, December 15, 1904.....	123.35
3814.—Tierney & Schaefer, feed, December 1, 1904.....	84.89
3815.—Gribben Lumber Company, lumber, December 12, 1904.....	66.05
3816.—Strickland & Doolittle, insurance on Como boats, November 25, 1904.....	56.25
3817.—Vaughan Seed Store, Chicago, roses, Dec. 4, 1904.....	25.00
3818.—Farwell, Ozmun, Kirk & Co., blasting powder, December 21, 1904.....	1.60
3819.—Nicols, Dean & Gregg, blacksmith supplies, November 14, 1904.....	19.78

FEBRUARY.

3820.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay roll of employees for January, 1905.....	3,062.62
3821.—Fred Nussbaumer, salary as Superintendent for January, 1905, \$250.00; money advanced, express charges, \$8.50 January 7, 1905; merchandise, \$1.70, January 14, 1905; trip to St. Louis, \$42.30, October 17, 1904, November 26, 1904.....	302.50
3822.—Joseph E. Rogers, insurance on dredge boat, Feb. 6, 1905, \$175.00; insurance on Indian Mounds Park Pavillion, February 6, 1905, \$100.00.....	275.00
3823.—John Oleson, driving piles for foot bridge, Feb. 1, 1905.....	259.20
3824.—Joseph H. Elm, one horse, January 23, 1905.....	160.00
3825.—Tierney & Schaeffer, feed, December 31, 1904.....	79.20
3826.—Northwestern Fuel Co., coal, January 17, 21, 23, 1905.....	444.76
3827.—Nicols, Dean & Gregg, hardware, Dec. 15, 24, 29, 30, 1904...	45.19
3828.—L. L. May & Co., plants and seeds, October 31, 1904, January 9, 1905.....	44.75
3829.—Standard Oil Company, oil, January 14, 1905.....	30.14
3830.—Gribben Lumber Co., lumber, December, 31, 1904.....	19.20
3831.—H. P. Rugg, & Co., packing, January 7, 1905.....	17.65
3832.—Peter Henderson, flower seed, January 10, 23, 1905.....	20.20
3833.—John N. Thiessen, harness repairs, January 23, 27, 1905.....	9.00
3834.—A. P. Jones, wagon repairs, January 10, 1905.....	3.50
3835.—Hackett-Walther & Gates Hardware Co., hardware, August 9, 1904, January 13, 1905.....	6.06

3836.—Robinson, Cary & Co., wire cloth and clock dials, January 9, 21, 1905.....	3.65
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MARCH.

3837.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay roll of employes for February, 1905.....	2,784.61
3838.—Fred Nussbaumer, salary as Superintendent for February, 1905, \$250.00; money advanced, February 8, 11, 28, 1905, \$18.50	268.50
3839.—Gribben Lumber Co., lumber, February-2, 1905.....	111.17
3840.—H. P. Rugg & Co., reducing valve, February 9, 1905.....	39.60
3841.—A. F. Kohr, Chicago, flower pots, February 11, 1905.....	30.00
3842.—Nicols, Dean & Gregg, blacksmith supplies, Jan. 6, 1905.....	15.50
3843.—Richard Price, medical attendance, February 1, 1905	5.00
3844.—W. H. Whitehead, putty, January 14, 1905.....	3.00
3845.—J. M. McGuire, & Co., nails, January 5, February 6, 1905. . .	6.15
3846.—L. L. May & Co., flower seed, January 27, 1905	4.24
3847.—Farwell, Ozmun, Kirk & Co., blasting powder, February 3, 15, 1905.....	4.82

APRIL.

3848.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay roll of employes for March, 1905.....	3,196.88
3849.—Fred Nussbaumer, salary as Superintendent for March, 1905.	250.00
3850.—Gribben Lumber Co., lumber, Jan. 23, Feb. 7, March 3, 14, 23, 1905.....	754.30
3851.—Northwestern Fuel Co., coal March 11, 1905.....	259.38
3852.—Ohio Coal Co., coal, February 3, 1905.....	300.30
3853.—Tierney & Schaeffer, feed, March 2, 1905.....	76.12
3854.—W. H. Ulmer, granite monuments, March 6, 1905.....	168.75
3855.—D. L. Bell, cement, March 27, 1905.....	317.40
3856.—Dearborn Drug & Chemical Works, boiler compound, March 15, 1905.....	44.46
3857.—Gus Dahlquist, painting foot bridge, March 25, 1905.....	37.00
3858.—John Olson, hardware for foot bridge and water tank, March 2, 24, 1905.....	40.58
3859.—Charles B. O'Connor, letter heads and envelopes, March 22, 1905.....	15.00
3860.—Standard Oil Co., gasoline, July 28, 1905.....	7.69

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3861.—Pioneer Press Printing Co., printing, March 1, 20, 1905.....	16.75
3862. Nicols, Dean & Gregg, steel, February 21, 1905.....	3.41
3863.—Peter Henderson, flower seed, February 20, March 29, 1905..	4.90
3864.—H. T. Jones, roses, March 25, 1905.....	41.00
3865.—Kilgore, Peteler Mfg. Co., dump car repair, January 27, 1905.	.80
3866.—Charlotte and Louisa R. Kroeger, purchase of land, April 17, 1905.....	168.92

MAY.

3867.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay roll for masons, April 17, 1905.....	339.00
3868.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay roll for park labor for April, 1905.....	6,910.19
3869.—Fred Naussbumer, salary as Superintendent for April, 1905, \$250.00; money advanced, express charges, April 3, 6, 7, 20, 27, 28, 1905, \$53.34.....	303.34
3870.—Frank McCormick, elm trees, April 26, 1905.....	208.00
3871.—H. P. Rugg & Co., pipes and fittings, April 13, 22, 24, 26, 1905.	171.73
3872.—St. Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Co., insurance on boilers. April 6, 1905.....	120.00
3873.—Tierney & Schaeffer, feed, April 4, 1905.....	75.86
3874.—Gribben Lumber Co., lumber, March 28, April 6, 12, 1905....	296.24
3875.—John F. Carlson, painting fountains, April 26, 1905.....	95.00
3876.—L. L. May & Co., grass seed, April 3, 1905.....	50.00
3877.—Robinson, Cary & Co., tools, March 31, 1905.....	47.30
3878.—St. Paul Foundry Co., rods, bolts & washers, March 11, 27, 1905	53.43
3879.—Hackett, Walther & Gates Hdw. Co., tools and nails, March 24, April 8, 1905.....	33.55
3880.—H. P. Kelsey & Co., plants, March 28, 1905.....	18.45
3881.—Richard Price, medical attendance to horse, February 26, 28, March 13, 18, 1905.....	18.85
3882.—Haas & Wright, negative photographs, March 4, 1905.....	6.00
3883.—Noyes Bros. & Cutler, Sulph. Acid, March 9, 1905.....	5.10
3884. Nicols, Dean & Gregg, bolts and washers, March 25, 1905....	2.67
3885.—Victor Peterson, stove and stove pipe, January 6, 26, 1905..	3.10
3886.—Dwyer Heating & Plumbing Co., plumbing Comfort Station, May 1, 1905.....	1,143.00
3887.—St. Paul Boat Co., gasoline launch, May 1, 1905.....	200.00

JUNE

3888.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay roll for park labor for May 1905.....	9,550.98
3889.—Fred Nussbaumer, salary as Superintendent for May, 1905, \$250.00; money advanced for freight, May 1, 26, \$2.37; for plants, May 26, \$6.00; washing curtains, May 23, 1905, \$1.50.....	259.77
3890.—Gribben Lumber Co., lumber, door and window frames, April 12, 25, 27, 29, May 4, 19, 1905.....	604.01
3891.—H. P. Rugg & Co., fittings on sewer pipe, May 12, 18, 1905..	18.26
3892.—Lefebvre-Deslauriers Roofing Co., roofing, May 24, 1905....	710.00
3893. Hackett, Walther & Gates, tools, May 10, 16, 24, 1905.....	189.11
3894.—St. Paul Cement Works, tiles, May 13, 1905.....	226.50
3895.—Ohio Coal Co., coal, April 22, 1905.....	206.80
3896. L. L. May & Co., shrubs, April 22, 1905.....	183.75
3897.—Jacob Barnett, part payment on bridge, May 15, 1905.....	150.00
3898.—Tierney & Schaeffer, feed, May 8, 1905.....	76.15
3899.—Wm. R. Burkhart, oars, May 18, 1905.....	52.00
3900.—D. L. Bell, Portland cement, April 22, 1905.....	20.70
3901.—Pioneer Press Printing Co., boat tickets, May 24, 1905.....	23.00
3902.—Prendergast Bros., fountain repair, May 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 1905.	27.72
3903.—Nicols, Dean & Gregg, blacksmith supplies, April 27, 1905..	27.76
3904.—Kelley Springfield Road Roller Co., grates, April 24, 1905..	17.50
3905. Valley Iron Works, manhole, frame and cover, May 2, 1905..	10.00
3906.—John W. Thiessen, harness repair, April 25, May 9, 1905....	9.50
3907.—St. Paul Foundry Co., hardware, April 20, May 9, 1905.....	18.85
3908. Nimis & Nimis, dry batteries, May 17, 1905.....	8.28
3909. G. W. Cunningham, stamped envelopes, April 11, 1905.....	7.75
3910.—M. W. Fitzgerald, plats, March 27, 1905.....	6.00
3911.—Robinson, Cary & Co., waste, May 17, 1905.....	5.25
3912.—Standard Oil Co., kerosene, May 6, 1905.....	3.75
3913.—John Olson, hardware, May 10, 20, 22, 25, 1905.....	425.95
3914. John Olson, building Comfort Station, June 5, 1905.....	200.00
3915.—Dwyer Heating & Plumbing Co., plumbing Comfort Station, June 5, 1905.....	1,143.00

JULY.

3916.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay roll for park labor for June, 1905.....	9,480.32
3917.—Fred Nussbaumer, salary as Superintendent for June, 1905, \$250.00; cash advanced for express charges, June 22, 1905, \$193.41; cash advanced for merchandise, June 24, 1905, 60c.	444.01
3918.—W. H. Mullins Co., boats, June 14, 1905.....	1,125.00
3919.—Northwestern Fuel Co., coal, May 29, 1905.....	193.25
3920.—Tierney & Schaeffer, feed, June 12, 1905.....	86.97
3921.—Hackett, Walther & Gates, hardware, June 1, 8, 17, 19, 23, 1905.....	53.47
3922.—H. P. Rugg & Co., fittings and sewer pipe, June 21, 27, 1905..	73.82
3923.—Board of Water Commissioners, water connection, May 27, 1905.....	40.56
3924.—Haas & Wright, photo negatives, June 27, 1905.....	19.50
3925.—Schroeder Bros., wire netting and tape line, June 14, 27, 1905..	109.60
3926.—St. Paul Rubber Co., hose, June 2, 1905.....	77.50
3927.—Twin City Iron & Wire Works, fence, June 13, 1905.....	44.00
3928.—Pioneer Press Printing Co., boat tickets, May 31, 1905.....	23.00
3929.—Noyes Bros. & Cutler, paint, May 9, 19, 1905.....	60.40
3930.—L. L. May & Co., plants, May 15, 1905.....	36.00
3931.—Pioneer Fuel Co., coal, June 1, 1905.....	13.07
3932.—Charles B. O'Connor, pay checks, June 23, 1905.....	10.00
3933.—Fred Schroeder, carriage hire, May 8, 1905.....	8.00
3934.—Waterous Engine Works, dry batteries, June 26, 1905.....	7.20
3935.—Harmon & Dow, printing, June 20, 1905.....	6.50
3936.—Gorman Electric Co., fuse and batteries, June 17, 21, 1905..	8.72
3937.—G. F. Brown, engrossing memorial, June 12, 1905.....	20.00
3938.—Dispatch Printing Co., advertisement, June 15, 1905.....	2.25
3939.—Prendergast Bros., fountain repaired and water connection, June 2, 27, 1905.....	20.52
3940.—Richard Price, medical attendance to horse, April 1, 1905...	2.00
3941.—Farwell, Ozmun, Kirk & Co., money drawers, June 19, 23, 1905	3.00
3942.—John Olson, material for roofing band stand, June 7, 10, 27, 1905.....	108.50
3943.—Gribben Lumber Co., lumber and cedar posts, May 10, 15, 17, 1905; June 1, 10, 13, 15, 16, 17, 20, 1905.....	994.71
3944.—Ethiel J. Dodge, Lexington avenue Assessment Fund, June 3, 1905.....	70.04

3945.—Jesse Foot, Lexington avenue Assessment Fund, June 3, 1905	223.97
3946.—Stanley A. Cassidy, Lexington avenue Assessment Fund, June 3, 1905	52.80
3947.—Lillian Hughes, Lexington avenue Assessment Fund, June 3, 1905	458.25
3948.—B. H. Schriber, Lexington avenue, Assessment Fund, June 3, 1905	587.50
3949.—W. T. McMurrin, Lexington avenue Assessment Fund, June 3, 1905	700.00
3950.—Kate Treasure, Lexington avenue Assessment Fund, June 3, 1905	399.50
3951.—Lizzie B. Schlick, Lexington avenue Assessment Fund, June 3, 1905	444.07

AUGUST.

3952.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay roll for park labor for July, 1905	9,085.23
3953.—Fred Nussbaumer, salary as Superintendent for July, 1905, \$250.00; money advanced, postage stamps, July 7, 1905, \$6.00; express charges, July 22, 1905, \$1.85; launch supply, June 17, 1905, \$1.65	259.41
3954.—Mary A. Forepaugh, Lexington avenue Assessment Fund, June 3, 1905	516.67
3955.—F. M. Hartfields, Lexington avenue Assessment Fund, June 3, 1905	2,549.47
3956.—Kate Treasure, Lexington avenue Assessment Fund, June 3, 1905	11.90
3957.—Gribben Lumber Co., lumber, June 12, 14, 22, July 31, 1905	264.64
3958.—Geo. W. Oakes, driving piles, June 27, 1905	320.00
3959.—Ohio Coal Co., coal, July 13, 1905	171.41
3960.—F. M. Stewart, to service procuring right of way, August 1, 1905	100.00
3961.—Tierney & Schaeffer, feed, July 15, 1905	76.75
3962.—Wm. R. Burkhardt, life preservers, August 1, 1905	57.50
3963.—Prendergast Bros., water connection, August 13, 18, 24, 25, 1905	85.40
3964.—St. Paul Boat Co., machinery, August 1, 1905	42.00
3965.—St. Paul Abstract Co., abstracts, July 31, 1905	45.40
3966.—Foster Implement Co., hay rake, July 14, 1905	25.50

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3967.—Robinson, Cary & Co., slushers and rope, July 1, 12, 1905....	60.00
3968.—St. Paul Rubber Co., garden hose, July 26, 1905.....	28.75
3969.—Cornplanter Oil Co., gasoline, July 11, 19, August 1, 1905....	59.04
3970.—St. Paul Electric Co., dynamo, June 30, 1905.....	24.00
3971.—Standard Oil Co., engine oil and gasoline, June 23, 26, 1905..	27.86
3972.—Richard Price, medical attendance to horse, May 23, 30, June 3, 12, 23, 1905,.....	19.75
3973.—F. G. Leslie, sanitary toilet paper, June 5, 1905.....	13.00
3974.—W. H. Elsinger & Co., merchandise, June 3, 7, 21, 1905.....	29.56
3975.—John C. Horrigan, carriage hire, July 13, 1905.....	18.00
3976.—S. C. Ringwald, description of land, July 26, 1905.....	7.00
3977.—John W. Theissen, leather and harness repair, May 16, 26, July 20, 29, 1905.....	7.50
3978.—Secrest-Hoak Mfg. Co., edge trimmer, May 29, 1905.....	7.00
3979.—J. F. McGuire Co., nails and screws, February 28, March 17, April 27, June 21, 1905.....	9.02
3980.—H. P. Rugg & Co., pipes and fittings, July 20, 27, 1905.....	15.49
3981.—Schroeder & Weyh, hardware, July 17, 1905.....	8.95
3982.—Pioneer Press Co., boat tickets, July 19, 1905.....	6.75
3983.—Northwestern Electric Co., carbons, July 17, 1905.....	6.13
3984.—Albert Schutz, abstracts, July 11, 1905.....	2.15
3985.—Hackett, Walther & Gates, hardware and tools, July 1, 15, 20, 1905.....	17.32
3986.—Daily News Publishing Co., advertising, May 24, July 14, 1905.....	4.72
3987.—St. Paul Foundry Co., bolts, July 6, 1905.....	1.35
3988.—Jacob Barnett, lunch, July 13, 1905.....	100.00
3989.—John Oleson, building station, August 7, 1905.....	600.00
3990.—D. H. and Julia Michaud, Lexington avenue Assessment Fund, August 7, 1905.....	1,547.59
3991.—Geo. H. Ramsey, Lexington avenue Assessment Fund, Aug. 8, 1905.....	435.60
3992.—Wm. F. Pieper, Lexington avenue Assessment Fund, August 8, 1905.....	393.25
3993.—Guy E. Maxwell, Lexington avenue Assessment Fund, Aug- ust 8, 1905.....	363.00
3994.—Herman Oppenheim, Lexington avenue Assessment Fund, August 8, 1905.....	411.40

3995.—T. P. Pease, Lexington Avenue Assessment Fund, Aug. 8, 1905.....	302.50
3996.—B. H. Schrieber, Lexington avenue Assessment Fund, August 8, 1905.....	555.85
3997.—John E. Hyde, Lexington Avenue Assessment Fund, August 8, 1905.....	465.85
3998.—Emma Gerving, Lexington avenue Assessment Fund, August 8, 1905.....	411.40
3999.—Susan B. Harper, Lexington avenue Assessment Fund, August 8, 1905.....	363.00
4000.—Ida C. Pieper, Lexington avenue Assessment Fund, August 8, 1905.....	2,815.75
4001.—C. B. Kranz, Lexington avenue Assessment Fund, August 8, 1905.....	1,050.00
4002.—B. H. Schrieber, Lexington avenue Assessment Fund, August 8, 1905.....	91.64
4003.—B. H. Schrieber, Lexington avenue Assessment Fund, August 8, 1905.....	435.60

SEPTEMBER.

4004.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay roll of employes for August, 1905.....	8,122.13
4005.—Fred Nussbaumer, salary as superintendent for August, 1905, \$250.00; cash advanced, hardware, August 9, 11, 29, 1905, \$1.45.....	251.45
4006.—Gribben Lumber Co., lumber, April 27, August 1, 3, 1905....	150.78
4007.—F. & H. Smith Co., lawn swings, July 25, 1905.....	86.40
4008.—John N. Thiesen, new harness, August 24, 1905.....	41.50
4009.—Nicols, Dean & Gregg Co., hardware, July 7, 22, 1905.....	14.16
4010.—Farwell, Ozmun, Kirk & Co., oar locks and coffee boiler, July 20, 1905, \$23.00; bicycle tire, July 13, 1905, \$3.50.....	26.50
4011.—Pioneer Press Printing Co., printing boat tickets, envelopes and advertising, June 15, 1905; August 7, 17, 31, 1905..	43.75
4012.—Wm. R. Burkhart & Co., oars, August 2, 1905.....	17.52
4013.—Bartels Oil Co., gasoline, August 14, 23, 1905.....	28.76
4014.—Complanter Oil Co., gasoline, July 24, 1905.....	16.64
4015.—Chas. B. O'Connor, assessment blanks, July 13, 1905.....	14.00
4016.—Robinson, Cary & Co., steel rope, and road scraper, August 9, 16, 1905.....	15.49

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4017.—Hackett, Walther & Gates, brooms, August 21, 1905.	6.00
4018.—R. L. Polk Co., city directory, July 21, 1905.	6.00
4019.—F. G. Leslie Co., toilet paper, August 21, 1905.	5.50
4020.—St. Paul Foundry Co., washers, July 13, 1905.	2.73
4021.—Albert Schuetz, abstracts, August 29, 1905.	1.90
4022.—Diebold Safe and Lock Co., change combination, July 18, '05,	1.75
4023.—Minnesota Boat and Power Co., gasoline engine, July 1, 1904	150.00
4024.—M. G. VanKleek, insurance, September 5, 1905.	187.50
4025.—Jenny Tracy Fabian, Lexington avenue Assessment Fund, September 5, 1905.	52.77
4026.—B. B. Smith, Lexington avenue Assessment Fund, Sept. 5, '05	1,089.00
4027.—Harriet Cole, Lexington Ave. Assessment Fund, September 5, 1905.	732.05
4028.—St. Paul Title & Trust Co., Lexington Ave. Assessment Fund, September 5, 1905.	484.00
4029.—Joseph E. Raymond, Lexington Ave. Assessment Fund, Sep- tember 5, 1905.	701.80
4030.—M. P. Ryan and Wife, Lexington Ave. Assessment Fund, September 5, 1905.	435.60
4031.—H. Cole, Lexington Ave. Assessment Fund, September 5, 1905.	195.00
4032.—Grace C. Warner, Lexington Ave. Assessment Fund, Septem- ber 5, 1905.	701.80
4033.—D. H. Michaud and Maud Green, Lexington Ave. Assessment Fund, September 5, 1905.	550.55

OCTOBER.

4034.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay roll of employees for Sep- tember, 1905.	6,537.59
4035.—Fred Nussbaumer, salary as Superintendent for September, 1905, \$250.00; cash advanced for express charges, April 27, May 4, 8, 12, 17, 1905, \$12.15; merchandise, September 2, 26, 1905, 47 cents.	263.67
4036.—M. E. Wagner, assessment for grass cutting, September 15, 1905.	135.00
4037.—H. P. Rugg & Co., sewer pipe and solder, September 13, 20, 1905.	181.40
4038.—F. M. Stewart, service securing right of way, September 25, 1905.	100.00

4039.—Leibrock & Day, insurance, August 2, 1905.....	92.50
4040.—St. Paul Cement Works, to building steps, August 14, 1905..	89.00
4041.—Tierney & Schaeffer, feed, August 16, September 18, 1905. .	158.15
4042.—W. G. Whitehead, glass and putty, September 11, 1905.....	38.12
4043.—Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., white lead, March 17, 1905.....	21.13
4044.—Nicola, Dean & Gregg, garden hose, July 27, 1905.....	11.00
4045.—John Olson, hardware, July 11, 12, 20, August 5, 8, 10, 1905..	22.11
4046.—Standard Oil Co., gasoline, August 7, 12, 1905.....	19.86
4047.—Pioneer Press Printing Co., printing forms, September 9, 13, 19, 1905.....	11.50
4048.—Schroeder Bros., fence wire, September 12, 1905.....	8.00
4049.—Noyes Bros. & Cutler, asphalt paint, August 25, 1905.....	7.00
4050.—Bartels Oil Co., gasoline and kerosene, September 4, 18, 1905..	12.25
4051.—Nimis & Nimis, globes, August 30, 1905.....	5.52
4052.—Schroeder & Weyh, sickle guards, September 12, 1905.....	3.00
4053.—M. W. Fitzgerald, abstracts, August 24, 1905.....	3.50
4054.—Hannah Coal Co., coal, August 28, 1905.....	280.22
4055.—James C. Nolan, Lexington Ave. Assessment Fund, October 2, 1905.....	356.95
4056.—El. Hagemuller, Lexington Ave. Assessment Fund, October 2, 1905.....	435.60
4057.—B. H. Schreiber, Lexington Ave. Assessment Fund, October 2, 1905.....	3,606.00
4058.—Ella C. Arzt, Lexington Ave. Assessment Fund, October 2, 1905.....	474.32
4059.—Buechner & Orth, premium on pavilion plan, October 2, 1905..	500.00
4060.—Ida C. Pieper, Lexington Ave. Assessment Fund, October 2, 1905.....	124.88
4061.—Lucy Robinson, Lexington Ave. Assessment Fund, October 2, 1905.....	732.05
4062.—Ch. R. Robins, Lexington Ave. Assessment Fund, October 2, 1905.....	444.07
4063.—W. H. McIntyre, purchase of land at Phalen Park, October 2, 1905.....	1,292.80
4064.—Union Bank and Frank Ford, Lexington Ave. Assessment Fund, October 2, 1905.....	217.80

NOVEMBER.

4065.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay roll of employees for October, 1905.....	4,148.97
4066.—Fred Nussbaumer, salary as Superintendent for October, 1905, \$250.00; cash advanced for freight, October 4, 1905, \$3.82; postage stamps, October 14, 1905, \$10.00; feed for gold fish, November 2, 1905, 50 cents; kerosene, November 3, \$2.80.....	267.12
4067.—St. Paul Lime & Cement Co., Portland Cement, October 14, 17, 27, November 1, 1905.....	688.50
4068.—Tierney & Schaeffer, feed, October 20, 1905.....	86.45
4069.—Henry A. Dreer, bulbs, October 4, 1905.....	60.50
4070.—Kilgore, Peteler Mfg. Co., dump car repair, June 14, 30, 1905..	36.54
4071.—Farwell, Ozmun, Kirk & Co., stoves and stove pipe, October 28, 1905.....	19.89
4072.—Hackett, Walther & Gates, hardware, wheelbarrows, October 24, 1905.....	18.80
4073.—Gribben Lumber Co., tar felt, October 16, 1905.....	18.41
4074.—Perkins, Thomas Printing Co., stamped envelopes, October 11, 1905.....	13.00
4075.—St. Paul Foundry Co., castings, October 24, 1905.....	8.80
4076.—John N. Thiessen, harness repair, September 12, 1905.....	8.10
4077.—Pioneer Press Printing Co., time sheets, October 17, 1905....	6.25
4078.—Nicols, Dean & Gregg, wagon pole, September 13, 1905.....	3.25
4079.—Daily News Publishing Co., advertising, September 22, 1905..	3.15
4080.—Fred Schroeder, carriage hire, August 30, 1905.....	3.00
4081.—H. P. Rugg & Co., gauge glasses, October 28, 1905.....	3.00
4082.—Brown, Treacy, Sperry Co., parchment, May 30, 1905.....	1.50
4083.—Noyes Bros. & Cutler, sulphur, September 2, 1905.....	.45
4084.—H. P. Olson, bicycle repair, November 2, 1905.....	9.55
4085.—Louisa Thorworth, Lexington Ave. Assessment Fund, November 6, 1905.....	217.80

DECEMBER

4086.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay roll of employees for November, 1905.....	3,121.05
4087.—Fred Nussbaumer, salary as Superintendent for November, 1905, \$250.00; cash advanced for feed for gold fish, November 16, December 1, 1905, \$1.65.....	251.65

4088.—Not audited.

4089.—St. Paul Lime & Cement Co., Portland Cement, November 6, 10, 15, 20, 29, 1905.....	979.20
4090.—C. G. Hartin Coal Co., coal, October 26, 1905.....	268.29
4091.—Neely & Lewis, insurance, November 6, 1905.....	270.00
4092.—John Rogers, Jr., insurance, November 8, 1905.....	62.50
4093.—Jameson, Hevener & Griggs Co., feed, January 31, 1905.....	78.71
4094.—Tierney & Schaeffer, feed, November 20, 1905.....	94.81
4095.—Dearborn Drug & Chemical Co., boiler compound, October 12, 1905.....	41.73
4096.—Robinson, Cary & Co., hose, shovels and picks, November 2, 1905.....	41.05
4097.—Nicols, Dean & Gregg Co., blacksmith supply, October 21, 1905	9.37
4098.—H. P. Rugg & Co., packing, November 11, 1905.....	8.91
4099.—Cornplanter Oil Co., axel grease, November 21, 1905.....	7.50
4100.—Hackett, Walther & Gates, nails, November 28, 1905.....	6.95
4101.—Swift & Co., fertilizer, November 27, 1905.....	2.80
4102.—Amy A. Reeves, dictation, November 7, 1905.....	.85
4103.—Gribben Lumber Co., lumber, November 20, 1905.....	27.30
4104.—Gribben Lumber Co., lumber, November 7, 14, 16, 20, 22, 24, 1905.....	547.13
4105.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, Indian Mounds Park account (land purchase), December 4, 1905.....	58.06

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE T. REDINGTON,
Secretary Board of Park Commissioners.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

MR. J. A. WHEELOCK, PRESIDENT.

SIR:—The following report of the work performed under the direction of your Board during the year 1905, is respectfully submitted:

One of the most important improvements during the past year was the commencing of grading and beautifying Lexington Parkway, the Driveway, forty (40) feet wide from Summit avenue to University avenue, a distance of one mile, was intended to be completed, but owing to hard freezing weather, the work was interrupted one block short of University avenue. A large amount of work in this portion of the parkway remains to be done, in grading side lawn spaces, walks and planting trees. The adopted improvement plan calls for four lines of trees; two lines next to the roadway were planted last spring. The total expenses were \$3,308.63. The total acreage contained in this parkway from Summit avenue to Como Park is 45 acres.

COMO PARK.

The North boundary driveway grading was commenced the 17th of July. The transferring of 1600 yards of material by means of track and dump cars and cost of grading and pipe culverts was \$1,547.00. A 4ft. 4 in. high woven wire fence was built along the whole line of Mr. Robertson's frontage at a cost of \$50.88. This expense was necessary on account of the adjoining land at present being used for pasture.

The new Waiting Station at the street car entrance to the Park, for which the Street Car Company furnished the money, was completed on time for the opening of the Park season. The material used for construction for this building is cement and cobble stones, the latter being picked up from the fields, vines are planted to cover the rustic walls and when fully grown the building will appear a bower of green, emphasizing the artistic cement stone bridge leading to it. A large amount of labor was required in grading and planting the block of ground surrounding the Street Car Entrance. The old fashioned flower, or colonial garden was much admired by the public, who in much larger numbers visited Como Park during the past season than in any former years.

A NEW PAVILLION.

The most important necessity of Como Park has during the past year been happily accomplished. The large amount of money required for an adequate structure to accommodate the large crowds during the Concert season, was made available. The old delapidated structure was removed and the foundation for the new and modern structure is completed, and it is expected to have the new building complete in time the park season opens. The building is to cost \$38,000.00 and will be of concrete and iron construction.

THE JAPANESE GARDEN.

Through the generosity of Dr. R. Schiffman presenting to the Board a rare and large collection of Japanese trees and shrubs, bought by him from the Japanese Commission at the St. Louis World's Fair, a Japanese Garden was laid out, planned by Mr. Itchikawa, a noted Japanese landscape gardener, on the old oak ridge, adjacent to Cozy Lake. This garden is only in its incipient state and its gradual development will require much labor and expense. The cost for improvement and maintaining to the Board this season was \$1,112.58.

PHALEN PARK.

Thanks to the undaunted, persistent efforts in repeatedly refilling settling portions of the Island, the amusement and recreative apparatuses could be installed in time for the delayed opening of the street car service to the Park, which took place on the 2d of July. It required 16,681 cubic yards of material to fill the island. A large amount of work had to be crowded in a short space of time to afford conveniences and circulation to the people, three bridges of a temporary design had to be constructed across the canal at different places; increased boat dock facilities, a ticket office, an additional fleet of 50 row boats were hurriedly installed, besides laying 550 feet of drain pipe for storm water sewers to drain driveway and walks. The dredge boat was not in service on account of needed repairs and for that purpose was taken out of the water.

INDIAN MOUNDS PARK.

Thorn Street, skirting its Western boundary, was graded to a distance of 1200 feet. This street, formerly placed under the jurisdiction of the Park Commission, forms a portion of the Fish Hatchery drive and extended south-westerly from its intersection with Earl street, connects the Hoffman avenue

approach to Indian Mounds Park with the Fish Hatchery road, this makes a driveway through this panoramic park of one and one half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) miles.

Considerable work in grading Hoffman avenue approach was done during the past season. Some property at the end of Hoffman avenue, just outside the Park limits must be acquired in order to reduce the grade of the roadway and steps to that end have already been taken by the Board. A future acquisition of land to round out the boundaries of this park is necessary. The block, or rather the triangular piece of ground at the junction of Thorn Street and Mound Street must be acquired to afford space for border planting along the Park drive. The same recommendation holds good at the Northern boundary of this Park where the four (4) acres lying between Reserve Street and the State Fish hatchery grounds along Burns avenue, owned by private owners, blocking the landscape improvement access to the Park.

RIVERSIDE PARK.

No extension in the grading of the Driveway was made during the past season, as it was thought best to await the consummation of the proposed acquisition of the entire distance of land needed from its present terminus on Watson Avenue southeasterly to Fort Snelling Bridge. Some grading was done on the Cliff drive which winds down to the river shore and up again between Jefferson avenue and Randolph street. This driveway is one of a series contemplated to give the public convenient access to admire nature's handiwork of deep gullies and mysterious ravines from the bottom of the picturesque bluffs. The driveway from Marshall avenue to Randolph street was kept in good condition. A few vistas were cut through the dense bank of foliage along the line. This work requires a careful study on the part of the landscape gardener, and on account of lack of time on his part, more of this most important work could not be done. The bridge over the Laurel avenue ravine had to be refloored and rebraced. This bridge will not stand more than three years service and its replacing with a permanent structure will necessitate the preservation of the ravine it spans, for at least two hundred feet East of our boundary line by one hundred feet wide. It is only a question of a short time when the property in this vicinity will be built up and the grade of city streets will level the ravine partially and spoil its present sylvan beauty, moreover Laurel avenue grading, as soon as it is done, would compel the Board to fill up the ravine where the Parkway bridge crosses it and there would be no excuse for a bridge, except for the sake of economy, as a permanent bridge would not cost as much to construct as the filling and retaining wall necessitated.

CHEROKEE HEIGHTS.

The present extent of this Lookout Park is from Ohio Street on the northeast to Backer Street on the Southwest, $\frac{5}{8}$ of a mile along the high river bluff, containing about 28 acres. Some work was done during last season in grading and filling up excavations made by former owners, otherwise no grading will be done except here and there the needed filling and smoothing over of harsh lines caused by adjacent street grade.

PUBLIC BATH APPROACH.

Containing 1.1 acre, was turned over to the care of the Board during the past season. This ground was created by filling in the low ground along the river front, the material used being refuse of all kinds covered with street sweepings. This is continuously settling, so that repeated refilling is necessary and the consistency of the material underneath is in constant fermentation, retarding the growth of trees and shrubs.

SMALL PARKS AND SQUARES.

All the small parks of the city receive their regular care and attention and there is nothing especially to note about them, except that the retaining wall in Summit outlook was repaired and pointed with cement mortar. A flight of cement steps was built at the Moore Avenue entrance to Merriam Terrace Park. The Children's Orchard at Oakland Park was extended and a large number of fruit trees were planted on Arbor day. A service pipe from the city's watermain was laid into the Park. Park Place was renovated and a flower bed was planted. Water connection, which was lacking, was provided, and the citizens of the neighborhood took interest in the improvement to the extent of providing special police service to protect the Park against vandalism.

GRASS CUTTING ON CITY STREETS.

During the past season this work was again increased. The boulevards on Central Avenue and Grotto Street were added, making an additional distance of 4,935 feet.

Iglehart Street from Farrington to Lexington	15,255 feet
Summit Ave. " Dale " Lexington	9,384 "
Portland Ave. " Dale " Victoria	4,793 "
Portland Ave " Western " Dale	396 "
Summit Ave. " Wabasha " Dale	2,035 "

Western Ave.	from Summit	to Carroll	508 feet
Burr Str.	" Collins	" Magnolia	8,094 "
Aurora Ave	" Rice	" Dale	9,466 "
Marion Str.	" Fuller	" Charles	1,996 "
St. Peter Str.	" Aurora	" Central	1,120 "
Hall Ave.	" Isabel	" Prospect Terrace	1,385 "
Hague Ave.	" Dale	" Victoria	4,660 "
Laurel Ave.	" Dale	" Chatsworth	6,857 "
Portland Ave.	" Victoria	" Oxford	3,333 "
Grand Ave.	" Avon	" Victoria	1,204 "
Grand Ave.	" Floral	" Grotto	4,085 "
Lincoln Ave.	" Oakland	" Victoria	6,396 "
Avon Ave.	" Summit	" Osceola	3,200 "
Goodrich Ave	" Dale	" Victoria	4,811 "
Osceola	" Chatsworth	" Victoria	4,271 "
Fairmont Str.	" Dale	" Victoria	4,739 "
Holly Ave.	" Dale	" Victoria	4,803 "
Ashland Ave	" Dale	" Victoria	4,800 "
Marshall Ave.	" Cleveland	" Wheeler	5,662 "
Dayton Ave.	" Dewey	" Howell	1,000 "
Dewey Ave.	" St. Anthony	" University	2,064 "
Feronia Ave.	" Prior	" Fairview	2,118 "
Iglehart Str.	" Cleveland	" Wheeler	5,350 "
Carroll Str.	" Wheeler	" Wilder	4,883 "
Wheeler Ave.	" University	" Shields	989 "
Carroll Str.	" Makubin	" Chatsworth	9,431 "
Dewey Ave.	" Dayton	" Marshall	642 "
Lincoln Ave.	" Victoria	" Oxford	3,594 "
Central Ave.	" Cedar	" Robert	645 "

143,969 feet = 27.27 m.

CARE OF TREES AND SHRUBS.

The plantings of the Park System to date in number of trees and shrubs is 53,001. Of this amount our own nursery furnished 44,837 and 8,164 were purchased. The care of trees and shrubs during last season was not expensive, owing to copious rains during the summer, which kept all vegetation in a healthy growth. Marked progress was made in all our plantings. A crew of tree trimmers is steadily employed and this work is increasing from year to year. Con-

siderable thinning out was done in the natural woods in Como Park, and its effect in bringing out individual beauty of trees is remarkable.

The purchase of a Wilkens tree transplanter by the Board enabled us to move large trees, and twenty-four large elm trees were planted on each side of the entrance drive on Lexington Parkway. This machine will prove a very valuable acquisition, as the large trees now overcrowding old group planting can be safely moved to new locations, where the new planted trees give an immediate effect of finish and beauty.

TREE PLANTING SEASON, 1905.

COMO PARK.

New Planting.

Birch, white.....	162
Apple.....	62
Red Dogwood.....	18
Poplar, Carolina.....	78
Arelia.....	12
Horse Chestnuts.....	16
Red Willows.....	50
Buckthorn.....	441
Strawberry Tree.....	25
Red Barberry.....	25
Tophenia.....	6
Kentucky Coffee Tree.....	4
Grape Vines (wild).....	12
Roses (wild).....	14
Clematis.....	25
Hydrangea.....	30
Catalpa.....	27
Linden.....	19
Silver Leaf Poplar.....	6
Syringa, yellow.....	6
Snowballs.....	6
Elms.....	158
Native Shrubs.....	132
Lilacs.....	281

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Honeysuckles.....	79
Arbor Vitae.....	70
Blue Spruce.....	48
Spireas.....	118
Red Cedar.....	5
Mountain Pine.....	20
Swiss Stone Pine.....	25
Syringa Aurea.....	600
Cut Leaf Birch.....	25
Ampelopsis.....	100
Syringa (Mock Orange).....	100
Pyramid Arbor Vitae.....	25
Globe Arbor Vitae.....	100
Rhododendrons.....	12
Acalea.....	12
Prunus Japanica.....	6
Prunus Triloba.....	3
Acer Colchium rubra.....	2
Acer Dissectum Atropurpureum.....	3
Acer Rubrum.....	2
Pinus Densiflora.....	4
Wistaria Multijuga.....	10
Ligustrum Iboia.....	25
Quercus Imbricaria.....	5
Salisburia Adiantifolia.....	10
Paulownia Imperialis.....	10
Rhodotypus Kerrioides.....	5
Rhus Glabra Laciniata.....	15
Robinia Hispida Rosea.....	25
Pinus Mugho.....	25
Pinus Massoniana.....	2
Cerasus Rosea Pendula.....	5
Thuya Spiralis.....	5
Juniperus Communis Aurea.....	2
Syringa Pekinensis.....	5
Styrax Japonica.....	5
Desmodium Penduliflorum.....	5

COMO.**Transplanted.**

Elms, large	24
Ash, large	1
Honeysuckles	2
Lilacs	2
Red Dogwood	3
Hydrangea	1
Total	33

PHALEN PARK.

Elms	18
Lilacs	5
Snowballs	4
Barberry	4
Honeysuckles	2
Phlox	2
Siberian Peas	2
Red Willows	20
Red Dogwood	6
Whitethorn	11
Total	74

COURT HOUSE.

Elms	3
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SUMMIT MONUMENT.

Siberian Peas	400
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INDIAN MOUNDS.

Elms	68
Willows	323
Total	391

OAKLAND PARK.

Elms	34
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PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS.

Elms	73
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PUBLIC BATHS.

Lilacs 59

LEXINGTON AVENUE.

Elms 224

TRIANGLE, RAMSEY AND PLEASANT.

Elms 7

Lilacs 15

Total 22

MISCELLANEOUS PLANTING.

Linden 25

Elms 47

Catalpa 5

Ash 2

Soft Maple 1

Box Elder 5

Lilacs 136

Honeysuckles 14

Snowballs 2

Golden Leaf Spirea 5

Bridle Wreath Spirea 5

Siberian Pea 108

Total 355

TRANSPLANTING IN NURSERY.

Buckthorn 1,823

Elms 2,007

Total 3,830

MANURE HAULED IN 1905.

Loads spread on lawns 229

Loads to Greenhouse 94

Loads piled in Nursery 89

Total 312

BLACK EARTH HAULED.

Oakland Park.....	4
Ramsey Triangle.....	18
Total.....	22

PARK NURSERY.

This is the most efficient adjunct to economy in park work. Our planting could not be so rapidly extended, nor could we afford to plant as good stock if the trees and shrubs had to be purchased. The maintenance expense for the season was \$961.97. The total number of trees and shrubs in the nursery are:

Catalpa	80
Pinus divaricata, Jack pine	59
Pinus ponderosa, scopulorum, Bull pine.....	125
Pinus strobus, White Pine	9
Abies excelsa, Norway Spruce.....	302
Abies concolor, Rocky Mountain spruce	100
Abies pungens, Colorado blue spruce	53
Pseudotsuga taxifolio, Douglass spruce	59
Thuja occidentalis, American Arborvitae	7
Juniperus Virginiana, Red Cedar	20
Tilia Americana, American Linden	29
Ulmus Americana, American Elm, 3 in.....	712
Ulmus Americana, American Elm, 2½ in.....	782
Ulmus Americana, American Elm, 2 in.....	4,560
Ulmus Americana, American Elm, 1 in.....	2,850
Ulmus Americana, American Elm, ½ in.....	5,807
Acer Negundo, Box Elder, 3 in.....	27
Acer Negundo, Box Elder, 2½ in.....	2,535
Acer alba, Soft Maple, 2½ in.....	256
Acer saccharum, Sugar Maple, 2 in.....	143
Fraxinus, Ash, 3 in.....	100
Fraxinus, Ash, 2 in.....	465
Populus monolifera, Carolina Poplar, 3 in.....	392
Populus monolifera, Carolina poplar, 2 in.....	225
Salix aruea vitellina, Yellow Willow, 3 in.....	56
Salix aurea vitellina, Yellow willow, 2 in.....	870

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<i>Salix pentandra</i> , Greenbark Willow, 2 in.	485
<i>Salix britensis</i> , Red Willow, 2 in.	1,058
<i>Ostrya Virginiana</i> , Ironwood.	55
<i>Syringa alba</i> , White Lilac.	83
<i>Syringa vulgaris</i> , purpurea, Purple lilacs.	638
<i>Lonicera tartarica</i> , Honeysuckle.	149
<i>Viburnum opulus</i> , Snowballs.	852
<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i> , Horse Chestnut.	54
<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i> , Horse Chestnut Seedlings.	2,370
<i>Hydrangea paniculata</i>	60
<i>Betula laciniata</i> , Cut Leaved Birch.	6
<i>Yucca filamentosa</i>	190
<i>Quercus</i> , Oak.	40
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i> , Red barberry.	38
<i>Berberis vulgaris</i> , Green barberry.	619
<i>Rhamnus catharica</i> , Buckthorn.	1,870
<i>Clematis</i> , Assorted.	60
<i>Juglans cinerea</i> , Butternut.	26
American Apple Trees.	634
Spireas.	88
<i>Euonimus Europaeus</i> , Strawberry trees.	115
<i>Sophora Japonica</i>	45
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	45
<i>Wisteria fontescens</i>	145
<i>Ailanthus glandulosa</i>	1,500
<i>Cytisus laburnum</i>	100
<i>Ginko biloba</i> , Maidenhair fern tree.	100
<i>Caragana arborescens</i> , Siberian pea.	5,347
White Birch.	101
Buckthorn seedlings.	400
Barberry seedlings.	300
Red Cedar seedlings.	6
Irish Juniper.	96
Black Hills Spruce.	138
Hemlock.	124
Red Dogwood.	200

 Total 38,805

TAKEN FROM NURSERY.

Elms.....	304
Box Elder.....	5
Lindens.....	44
Soft Maple.....	1
Carolina Poplar.....	78
Red Willows.....	393
Lilacs.....	468
Birch.....	191
Snowballs.....	12
Hydrangea.....	32
Spirea.....	18
Ash.....	2
Clematis.....	25
Honeysuckles.....	93
Buckthorn.....	441
Ash.....	2
Barberry.....	29
Catalpas.....	32
Horse Chestnuts.....	16
Apple.....	62
Arborvitae.....	70
Blue Spruce.....	24
Red Cedar.....	5
Siberian Pea.....	508
Red Dogwood.....	24
Total.....	2,879

ADDITION TO NURSERY.

Red Dogwood.....	200
Buckthorn.....	1,823
Total.....	2,023

DEPARTMENT HORSES.

The five teams did a great amount of work, and their efficient service helped to reduce the expense account. The total number of days worked was 1,322.8. The expense for keeping was \$3,457.59 and their total earning \$4,960.50.

BLACKSMITH DEPARTMENT.

The total expense for this department during the season was \$723.96 and the earnings \$974.65.

BLACKSMITH DEPARTMENT EARNINGS, 1905.

December, 1904	Shoeing.....	\$42.60	
	Repairing.....	20.15	
	New Work.....	32.00	
			\$ 94.75
January, 1905	Shoeing.....	14.75	
	Repairing.....	25.90	
	New Work.....	64.00	
			104.65
February, 1905	Shoeing.....	16.20	
	Repairing.....	25.95	
	New Work.....	21.50	
			63.65
March, 1905	Shoeing.....	9.75	
	Repairing.....	38.65	
	New Work.....	27.50	
			75.90
April, 1905.	Shoeing.....	22.45	
	Repairing.....	45.15	
	New Work.....	19.65	
			87.25
May, 1905	Shoeing.....	28.00	
	Repairing.....	56.10	
	New Work.....	5.00	
			89.10
June, 1905	Shoeing.....	22.50	
	Repairing.....	71.00	
	New Work.....	4.75	
			98.30
July, 1905	Shoeing.....	19.10	
	Repairing.....	18.55	
	New Work.....	41.00	
			78.65
August, 1905	Shoeing.....	24.30	
	Repairing.....	23.10	
	New Work.....	5.40	
			52.80

September, 1905	Shoeing.....	15.65	
	Repairing.....	29.95	
	New Work.....	12.25	
			57.85
October, 1905	Shoeing.....	26.15	
	Repairing.....	21.05	
	New Work.....	10.40	
			57.60
November, 1905	Shoeing.....	27.10	
	Repairing.....	49.20	
	New Work.....	29.75	
			106.05
Total.....			\$974.65

STEAM HEATING AND POWER PLANT.

Again during the last season the lake did not need replenishing. The pumps were only used to pump the water needed for fountains and road sprinkling. The number of gallons pumped was:

Tanks.

May.....	4,885,240
June.....	5,625,730
July.....	6,034,250
August.....	6,440,500
September.....	5,190,810
October.....	384,000
Total.....	28,561,530

FUEL ACCOUNT.

Jan. 3, 82,500 lbs. Yough. Lump Del. to Como @ \$4.40	\$181.50
Feb. 6, 110,500 lbs. Yough. Lump Del. to Como @ \$4.40	243.10
Feb. 6, 83,300 lbs. Yough. Lump Del. to Como @ \$4.40	189.86
Apr. 3, 117,900 lbs. Yough. Lump Del. to Como @ \$4.40	259.38
Apr. 3, 36,500 lbs. Yough. Lump Del. to Como @ \$4.40	300.30
June 5, 94,000 lbs. Yough. Lump Del. to Como @ \$4.40	206.80
July 3, 99,100 lbs. Yough. Lump Del. to Como @ \$3.90	193.25
July 3, 6,150 lbs. Yough. Lump Del. by team Miss. Blvd. @ \$4.25 ..	13.07
Aug. 7, 87,900 lbs. Yough. Lump Del. to Como @ \$3.90	171.41
Oct. 2, 143,700 lbs. Yough. Lump Del. to Como @ \$3.90	280.22
Dec. 4, 129,300 lbs. Yough. Lump Del. to Como @ \$4.15	268.29
Total.....	\$2,307.18

SKATING RINK.

Eight acres of ice was kept clean at Como. Large crowds participated in the healthful sport of skating. The usual half mile of ice track for speeding horses was also maintained. The expenditures were \$221.07.

BOATING.

On Lake Phalen and Lake Como the public patronized the recreative feature of boating most liberally in both parks. The provisions were adequate and the large crowds were well handled and no accident marred their pleasure. At Phalen Park the business would seem to warrant one more large launch, as the one that is there now was most of the time overcrowded, and insufficient to handle the Sunday business.

The total number of launch tickets issued at Phalen Park was 23,401. The cash received \$1,170.05. The number of row boat tickets sold at Phalen Park was 7,479 and cash received \$2,505.50. The Como boat business was, tickets sold, 17,913; cash received, \$4,649.60; making a total for both places of \$8,325.15.

CONCERTS.

The usual number of Concerts were given at Como Park, sixty-five in all. The band was furnished by the City Railway Company in return for the refreshment privilege at the pavilion. The concert season started the 18th of June and ended the 20th of August.

PARK POLICE.

The force consisted of ten men divided as follows: seven, Como Park; one, Indian Mounds Park, and two at Phalen Park. One suicide was committed at Como Park, discovered the 27th day of July. The following arrests were made:

At Como Park, three arrests made by Officer O'Donnell for breaking shrubs. At Phalen Park, one arrest made by Officer Peterson of woman for vagrancy.

The most trouble encountered by the park police was the checking of high-speeded automobiles, the drivers of which think their claim to the right of the driveways in the parks is absolute.

FLORAL DECORATIONS.

The usual number of flower beds were set out, and as in former years, were highly appreciated by the public. An itemized statement as to their distribution in the different Parks is herewith given:

Central Park	3,115	Wabasha Terrace.....	535
Rice Park	2,560	Lafayette Park.....	1,535
Court House.....	1,990	Smith Park.....	995
Summit Outlook.....	985	Irvine Park.....	4,540
Oakland Park.....	125	Fountain St.....	725
Holcombe Park.....	270	Hamm Park.....	150
Crocus Hill.....	440	7th and Forest Sts.....	90
Terrace Park.....	165	5th St., East.....	100
Alice Park.....	260	Indian Mounds.....	495
Lewis Park.....	340	Park Place.....	200
Merriam Park.....	1,375	Fair Grounds.....	2,030
Lake Iris Park.....	765	Water Board.....	900
Hampden Park.....	1,274	Fire Department.....	410
Langford Park.....	2,350	Como Park.....	77,432
Alden Place.....	145	Miscellaneous.....	7,090
Harriet Island.....	2,842		
		Total.....	116,228

PLANTS IN GREENHOUSE.

Alternanthera.....	15,000	Ficus.....	50
Abutilon.....	100	Geraniums.....	14,000
Acalypha.....	100	Grevillea.....	30
Anthericum.....	600	Gladiolus.....	250
Agave.....	20	Gnaphalium.....	300
Amaryllis.....	30	Hibiscus.....	75
Ageratum.....	500	Heliotrope.....	100
Achyranthes.....	1,600	Laurel Trees.....	6
Aquatics (Assorted).....	600	Musa.....	8
Begonias.....	200	Orchids.....	6
Caladium.....	250	Oleander.....	5
Carnation.....	250	Oxales.....	20
Canna (Assorted).....	12,000	Pilia.....	700
Coleus.....	12,000	Pelargonium.....	30
Cuphea.....	12	Palms.....	130
Chrysanthemum.....	250	Roses.....	500
Cyclamen.....	200	Salvia.....	500
Cyperus.....	50	Santolina.....	250
Dracaena.....	6	Strobilanthes.....	50
Dahlia.....	150	Thunbergia.....	50
Daisy.....	1,000	Vinca.....	500
Echeverias.....	23,500	Vines (Assorted).....	25
Ferns.....	60	Yucca.....	20
Fuchsias.....	50		
		Total.....	86,133

CASH RECEIVED BY SUPERINTENDENT DURING SEASON 1905.

Balance Season 1904.....	\$232.31	
From Street Railway building, Como Park Waiting Station.....	3,000.00	
From Street Railway building, Phalen Park Waiting Station.....	700.00	
From citizens of Merriam Park to constructing bridge at Merriam Terrace Park.....	80.00	
Boat receipts at Como.....	4,645.60	
Electric Launch Como Receipts.....	4.00	
Boat receipts Phalen.....	2,480.50	
Gasoline Launch Phalen receipts.....	1,170.05	
Boat permits at Phalen.....	25.00	
Hay sold Como.....	537.00	
Hay sold Phalen.....	207.00	
Indian Mounds Park, Pavillion Privileges.....	200.00	
Indian Mounds Park, Ground Rent.....	60.00	
Outside Work.....	257.79	
Old boats sold.....	50.00	
Sale of horse.....	50.00	
Pony privilege.....	100.00	
Sale of sheep wool.....	26.00	
Unclaimed laborers checks.....	3.95	
Refunded by Chicago & Milwaukee Ry. Co., overcharge on freight.....	18.10	
Refunded by Dr. R. Schiffman, freight on trees.....	13.20	
Refunded cost of publication "Notice to Contractor"....	2.63	
Sand sold.....	34.45	
Garbage Hauling.....	19.50	
Sale of empty gasoline barrels.....	6.00	
Total.....		\$13,923.08
 Paid to City Treasurer.....	13,686.92	
January 1st, 1906, balance on hand.....	236.16	
		\$13,923.08

MAINTENANCE.**Administration.**

Superintendent's salary.....	3,000.00	
Wages of Timekeeper and Clerk.....	2,028.61	
Janitor.	315.16	
Postage Stamps and Stamped Envelopes.....	53.25	
Letterheads and Envelopes.....	37.50	
Negatives for Annual Reports.....	30.00	
Printed Forms—Resolution Blanks, etc.....	42.75	
Advertising proposals.....	12.37	
Copying President's Annual Report.....	8.10	
City Directory.....	6.00	
Engrossing Memorial	21.50	
Express charges on reports.....	.36	
		<hr/> 5,555.60

Greenhouse.

General Work Labor.....	2,663.52	
Watchman.....	633.50	
Greenhouse repair labor.....	95.74	
Hauling material.....	89.54	
Lumber for hot beds, etc.....	259.02	
Flower pots, incl. freight	35.60	
Glass.....	38.12	
Putty.....	3.00	
Fertilizer	2.80	
Sulphur .....	.45	
Wirecloth.....	1.65	
Purchase of plants, incl. express charges.....	102.80	
Flower Seed	44.09	
Grass seed	50.00	
		<hr/> 4,019.83

Barn.

Barnwork... ..	1,360.90	
Watchman.....	638.75	
Stall repair.....	48.45	
Lumber for stalls.	80.50	
		<hr/> 2,128.60

Horses and Wagon.

Feed.	876.51	
Purchase of one horse.....	160.00	
New Harness and Repair	75.60	
Medical attendance to horse.....	46.10	
Salt, Vinegar, etc.	3.27	
Wagon repair.....	9.75	
Axle grease	7.50	
Freight on tree transplanter.....	79.38	
Storing feed.....	58.88	
Painting sprinkling wagons.....	12.00	
		1,328.99
Earned by Park teams.....	\$4,960.50	.....

Blacksmith Shop.

Blacksmith wages.....	591.00	
Blacksmith supply.	106.17	
Coal.....	11.80	
Stove.....	14.99	
		723.96

Nursery.

General Work.	650.66	
Purchase of Shrubs.....	304.20	
Express charges	7.11	
		961.97

Park Seats.

Building benches—labor.	83.87	
Lumber, nails, etc.....	185.47	
		269.34

Dumpcar Repair.

Labor and material, repair car.....	56.54	56.54
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Tools and Supplies.

Wheelbarrows.	46.80	
Garden Hose.	117.25	
Suction hose	28.50	
Shovels.....	26.00	
Hoes.	1.30	
Lawn rakes.....	12.00	
Picks and handles.....	11.70	
Lawn Mowers.....	119.30	

Edge trimmer, inc. freight.....	7.91
Scythes and Handles.	49.88
Grass Hooks.....	3.20
Grindstone.....	2.25
Brooms.....	9.00
Pails and Cups	3.10
Nails.....	18.22
Grate for roller.	19.27
Granite monuments.	168.75
Sewer Pipe.....	180.00
Rope.....	49.50
Band Wire.....	36.47
Bicycle repair.....	13.05
Feed for gold fish	2.30
Kerosine.....	10.25
Lawn mower oil.....	6.44
Dry Batteries.....	8.28
Incandescent lights.....	5.52
Lamp Chimneys. ....	.50
Express charges for Fountain paint.....	8.50
Watch clock dials.....	2.00
Carriage Hire.....	11.00
Store.....	4.90
Changing combination on safe.	1.75
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	984.89

COMO PARK.**Pumping Station.**

Engineer and Fireman—wages.....	2,065.60
Hauling and Storing coal—labor.....	259.81
Coal.....	2,307.18
Oil, etc.	137.75
Packing etc., for pump repair.....	29.56
Steam reducing valve.....	39.60
Waste.....	5.25
Insurance on boiler.....	120.00
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	4,946.75

Boats and Boat Docks.

Repair on boats.....	372.02	
Repair on boat dock.....	56.75	
Paint.....	105.88	
Lumber.....	56.05	
Hardware, nails, etc.....	11.70	
Boatmans wages.....	822.21	
Oars and oar locks.....	44.00	
Boat tickets.....	46.00	
Cash drawer.....	1.50	
Engine for gasoline launch.....	150.00	
Insurance on boats.....	56.25	
Insurance on launch.....	25.50	
	<hr/>	1,747.86

Old Pavilion and Platform.

Laying temporary platform.....	175.07	
Lumber.....	418.85	
Wire rail.....	44.00	
Nails, etc.....	6.45	
Removing old pavilion.....	374.49	
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Bandstand.

Roof repair—labor and material.....	108.50	
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Waterworks.

Waterworks repair—labor.....	256.66	
Pipes and fitting.....	154.93	
Solder.....	1.40	
	<hr/>	412.99

Comfort Stations.

Matrons wages.....	240.00	
Repair—labor.....	7.90	
Soap.....	5.32	
Towels.....	6.00	
Mops.....	5.00	
Toilet paper.....	12.00	
Laundry—Curtains.....	1.50	
	<hr/>	277.72

Water Tank.

Painting and repairing—labor.	265.50	
Lumber.....	225.42	
Nails, bolts, etc.....	39.75	
Ashphalt Paint.	33.30	
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		563.97

Picnic Ground.

Custodian of Shelter house—wages.....	160.50	
Repairs on benches and tables—labor.....	22.16	
New Boiler.....	5.00	
Insurance on shelter house.....	187.50	
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		375.16

Playgrounds.

Matron—wages.....	120.00	
Repair on swings—labor.....	49.55	
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		169.55

Animals.

Keeper—labor.....	318.33	
Fence repair.....	15.80	
Feed.	97.55	
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		431.68

Lilly Pond.

Repair—labor.	61.99	
Cement.....	21.42	
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		83.41

Lake.

Cleaning lake.....	176.96	176.96
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Skating Rink and Race Track.

Building warming house.....	71.63	
Cleaning rink and race track.....	149.44	
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		221.07

Station Entrance.

Watering trees, cutting grass, etc.....	150.06	
Work in Colonial garden.....	103.78	
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		253.84

Japanese Garden.

Sprinkling and cutting grass.....	187.35	
Covering shrubs.....	15.18	
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		202.53

Grounds.

Purchase of manure.....	10.00	
Hauling and spreading manure.....	534.27	
Raking lawns and hauling refuse.....	1,201.37	
Sprinkling grass.....	83.65	
Cutting grass.....	2,514.64	
Sodding.....	158.66	
Making hay.....	1,192.21	
	<hr/>	5,694.80

Trees and Shrubs.

Cutting out dry trees.....	316.33	
Covering Shrubs.....	220.20	
Watering trees.....	9.50	
Trimming trees.....	382.12	
Transplanting large trees.....	197.90	
Planting trees and shrubs.....	316.68	
	<hr/>	1,442.73

Floral Display.

Planting, watering and cleaning beds.....	536.80	
	<hr/>	536.80

Roads and Walks.

Road repair—labor.....	1,508.84	
Sprinkling drives—team.....	200.46	
	<hr/>	1,709.30

Miscellaneous Work.

Screening Gravel.....	428.74	
Cleaning of Gutters—picking paper, etc.....	610.98	
Fence repair.....	85.80	
	<hr/>	1,125.52

Park Police.

Park Police.....	2,388.85	
Special Police and Watchmen.....	2,005.28	
	<hr/>	4,394.13

PHALEN PARK.**Boats.**

Repairing and Painting, Labor.....	205.89
Paint.....	38.60
Lumber.....	10.00
Nails, etc.....	6.50

Boatmen, wages	723.39	
Purchase of oars	43.52	
Boat Tickets	23.00	
Insurance on Boats	62.50	
	<hr/>	1,113.40
Launch.		
Engineer and Pilot, wages	360.97	
Gasoline	141.30	
Tiller rope	8.30	
Batteries	13.92	
Carbon, fuse, etc	8.68	
Launch tickets	6.75	
Nails, screws, etc	1.15	
Insurance on launch	67.00	
	<hr/>	608.07
Comfort Station.		
Matron	68.00	
Lamps	4.79	
Toilet Paper	6.50	
Towels	3.00	
Mop and Handles	2.45	
Soap	3.60	
	<hr/>	88.34
Pumping Station.		
Engineer, pumping water	27.00	
Gasoline	16.64	
	<hr/>	43.64
Dredge.		
Moving on shore, dismantling	316.87	
Lumber for new hull	232.51	
Pipes, etc	23.25	
Insurance on dredge	175.00	
	<hr/>	747.63
General Work.		
Cleaning	538.60	
Wetting Grass	405.46	
On hay	274.27	
Trimming trees	43.75	
Road Repair	26.40	
Sprinkling	5.62	
	<hr/>	1,294.10

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Park Police.

Park Police.....	715.00	
Watchmen.....	1,326.25	
	<hr/>	2,041.25

Purchase of Tools and Supplies.

Tape line.....	1.60	
Horse-hay rake.....	25.50	
Repair on Haymower.....	10.30	
Grindstone.....	3.38	
Rakes.....	1.60	
Scythes and Handles.....	4.50	
Whetstone.....	.38	
Pails.....	.65	
Forks.....	2.66	
Shovels.....	11.55	
Brooms.....	3.00	
Wheelbarrows.....	15.00	
	<hr/>	80.12

INDIAN MOUNDS PARK.

Park policemen and watchmen.....	671.36	
Cutting grass and cleaning park.....	1,133.96	
Shingling pavilion.....	116.62	
Material for shingling roof.....	249.15	
Abstracting land.....	3.50	
Insurance on pavilion.....	100.00	
	<hr/>	2,274.59

RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD.

Road repair.....	664.29	
Repair on bridge, labor.....	30.38	
Lumber for bridge.....	111.00	
Watchman.....	504.00	
Blasting powder.....	3.20	
Plats and abstracts.....	7.90	
	<hr/>	1,320.77

SUMMIT OUTLOOK.

Custodian.....	212.62	
Repairing retaining wall, labor.....	185.29	
Cement.....	20.70	
	<hr/>	418.61

COMMONWEALTH PARK.

Custodian.....	226.06	
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HAMPDEN PARK.

Custodian.....	207.40	
Trimming trees and shrubs.....	25.57	
	<hr/>	232.97

LAKE IRIS PARK.

Custodian.....	129.32	
Tree trimmer.....	9.14	
	<hr/>	138.46

MERRIAM PARK TERRACE.

Custodians.....	428.57	
Tree trimmer.....	15.67	
	<hr/>	444.24

HAMM'S PARK.

Cleaning.....	6.60	
	<hr/>	6.60

LANGFORD PARK.

Custodians.....	434.17	
	<hr/>	434.17

LAFAYETTE PARK.

Custodian.....	224.34	
	<hr/>	224.34

SMITH PARK.

Custodian.....	229.24	
	<hr/>	229.24

CENTRAL PARK.

Custodian.....	376.83	
	<hr/>	376.83

SUMMIT PARK.

Custodian.....	221.01	
Planting shrubs.....	7.87	
	<hr/>	228.88

RICE PARK.

Custodians.....	445.87	
	<hr/>	445.87

IRVINE PARK.

Custodian.....	209.87	
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ALICE AND TERRACE PARKS.

Custodian.....	161.19	
	<hr/>	161.19

LEWIS PARK.

Custodian.....	204.26	
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OAKLAND PARK.

Custodians.....	386.75	
	<hr/>	386.75

PUBLIC BATHS ENTRANCE.

Cutting grass.....	125.88	
	<hr/>	125.88

CITY PARKS, GENERAL EXPENDITURE.

Watchman.....	588.87	
Tree trimmer.....	115.37	
Cleaning and hauling refuse.....	70.94	
Planting flowers.....	109.32	
Fountain repair.....	140.57	
Painting fountains.....	95.00	
Water connection.....	61.08	
	<hr/>	1,181.15

PUBLIC PLAYGROUND.

Watering trees.....	5.05	
	<hr/>	5.05

BOULEVARDS.

Summit Ave.

Cutting grass.....	946.34	
Rolling street.....	45.00	
	<hr/>	991.34

Como Ave.

Cutting grass.....	216.63	
	<hr/>	216.63

Lexington Ave.

Watering trees.....	4.95	
Watchman.....	287.00	
	<hr/>	291.95

CITY STREETS.

Cutting grass on city streets.....	2,317.73	
Abstracting assessments.....	135.00	
		<hr/> 2,452.73

OUTSIDE WORK.

Trimming trees.....	299.30	
		<hr/> 299.30

Total Maintenance.....		<hr/> \$61,482.13
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IMPROVEMENTS.**COMO PARK.****Station Entrance.**

Grading.....	\$501.33	
Loading and hauling material.....	155.24	
Planting trees and shrubs.....	627.39	
Purchase of fence posts.....	28.80	
Purchase of fence wire.....	71.00	
		<hr/> 1,383.76

New Car Station.

Excavating and hauling material.....	208.39	
Masons, building.....	626.27	
Carpenter work.....	347.54	
Painter.....	70.18	
Lumber.....	199.06	
Door and windows, including frames.....	398.78	
Cement.....	295.98	
Nails, locks, etc.....	54.78	
Paint.....	34.10	
Roof and ceiling.....	710.00	
Tile floor and steps.....	226.50	
		<hr/> 3,171.58

Japanese Garden.

Loading and hauling rocks and gravel.....	148.73	
Grading and sodding lawns.....	477.42	
Planting.....	198.05	
Laying pipes, etc.....	9.35	
Building bridge.....	21.00	
Fare to St. Louis, selecting trees.....	42.30	
Freight on trees.....	13.20	
		<hr/> 910.05

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Playgrounds.

Purchase of Swings.....	86.40	
Freight on Swings.....	1.85	
		<hr/> 88.25

Mannheimer Memorial Fountain.

Laying sod and planting shrubs.....	28.00	
		<hr/> 28.00

Schiller Monument.

Clearing and grading triangle.....	8.80	
		<hr/> 8.80

Road Grading.

Grading road on N. W. boundary line.....	1,547.00	
Building fence.....	50.88	
		<hr/> 1,597.88

New Pavilion.

Excavating.....	244.14	
Loading and hauling material.....	322.63	
Mixing and wheeling concrete.....	714.81	
Driving piles and sheeting.....	70.00	
Hauling water.....	68.24	
Making forms and centers.....	360.31	
Setting iron.....	27.18	
Foreman.....	93.00	
Cement.....	1,667.70	
Tarfelt.....	18.41	
Castings, door and frame for ashpit.....	8.80	
Cedar Posts.....	25.00	
Door and window frames.....	192.25	
Lumber.....	357.18	
Employees Insurance.....	270.00	
To Architect, premium on plans.....	500.00	
		<hr/> \$4,939.65

PHALEN PARK.**Island.**

Grading.....	3,669 82	
Blasting powder and wedges.....	6.63	
		<hr/> 3,676.45

Foot-bridge.

Building Foot-bridge—carpenter.....	350.74	
Purchase of piles and driving.....	259.20	
Lumber.....	329.70	
Rods, nails, etc.....	54.26	
Painting.....	37.00	
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		1,030.90

Wagon Bridges.

Labor and Material, driving piles.....	320.00	
Lumber.....	288.01	
Nails, rods, etc.....	22.11	
Carpenter Work.....	175.37	
Part payment on wagon bridge, built by Carterer.....	150.00	
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		955.49

Boat Dock and Ticket Office.

Building Boat Dock and Ticket Office.	365.83	
Lumber.....	429.97	
Nails, locks, etc.....	11.73	
Cash Drawer.	1.50	
Wire netting for fence.	45.00	
Labor and material building oar box.....	11.18	
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		865.21

Boats.

Purchase of 50 steel boats.....	1,125.00	
Freight on Boats.....	192.50	
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		1,317.50

Gasoline Launch.

Final Payment on Launch.....	200.00	
Corboretter and wheel.....	42.00	
Life Preserver.	57.50	
Dynamo.....	24.00	
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		323.50

Comfort Station.

Final payment for building.....	200.00	
Plumbing.....	2,286.00	
Excavating and building, cess pool.....	195.97	
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		2,681.97

Car Station.

Building waiting station and platform.	600.00	
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		600.00

Waterworks.

Laying and connecting water pipe.....	54.85	
Pipes and fittings.	59.08	
Manhole frame and corner.....	10.00	
Hose bibs.....	9.04	
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		132.97

Grounds.

Road Grading.	560.81	
Grading and sodding lawns.....	692.85	
Grading Lake shore.	154.93	
Planting Trees and Shrubs.	104.56	
Excavating and laying sewer.	109.73	
Sewer pipes.	12.00	
Fencing in pasture for sheep.....	75.29	
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		1,710.17

Miscellaneous Expenditure.

Lunch served, official opening of Phalen.....	100.00	
Carriage hire.	18.00	
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		118.00

Phalen-Gervais Canal.

Service securing land.....	200.00	
Abstracts, etc.....	52.50	
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		252.50

INDIAN MOUNDS PARK.

Grading Thorn Street extension.....	1,108.54	
Grading Hoffman avenue entrance.	911.67	
Grading and Sodding lawns.....	201.57	
Planting trees.	182.23	
Sewer pipes purchased.....	21.00	
Slushers purchased.....	10.50	
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		2,435.51

LEXINGTON BOULEVARD.

Grading lawns.....	318.74	
Planting trees.	300.00	
Purchase of trees incl. freight.....	241.00	
Grading road.....	2,048.70	
Rolling road.....	144.00	
Screening gravel.	241.94	

Slushers—purchase	11.20	
Abstracts.	2.15	
To Lexington avenue Condemnation Fund.	1,174.56	
	<hr/>	4,483.19

MERRIAM PARK TERRACE.

Labor and material building steps	89.00	
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RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD.

Grading	1,018.27	
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CHEROKEE HEIGHTS.

Grading	685.05	
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PARK PLACE.

Grading and Sodding	132.42	
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PUBLIC BATH ENTRANCE.

Grading lawns and Sodding	70.12	
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PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS.

Tree planting	64.72	
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INTERSECTION TRIANGLE OF PLEASANT AND RAMSEY STREETS.

Grading	28.80	
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OAKLAND PARK.

Planting trees	19.25	
	<hr/>	19.25

TRIANGLE NEAR LANGFORD PARK.

Filling to grade	6.50	
	<hr/>	6.50

COURTHOUSE.

Tree planting	4.46	
	<hr/>	4.46

Total improvements		<hr/>
		\$34,830.02

EXPENDITURE FOR EACH PARK.

	Maintenance	Improvement	Total
General Expenditure.....	\$17,210.87		\$17,210.87
Como Park.....	25,912.13	12,127.97	38,040.10
Phalen Park.....	6,016.55	13,412.16	19,428.71
Phalen-Gervais Canal.....		252.50	252.50
Indian Mounds Park.....	2,274.59	2,435.51	4,710.10
Riverside Parkway.....	1,320.77	1,018.27	2,339.04
Cherokee Heights Park.....		685.05	685.05
Summit Outlook.....	418.61		418.61
Commonwealth Park.....	222.06		222.06
Hampden Park.....	232.97		232.97
Lake Iris Park.....	138.46		138.46
Merriam Park Terrace.....	444.24	89.00	533.24
Hamms Park.....	6.60		6.60
Langford Park.....	434.17		434.17
Lafayette Park.....	224.34		224.34
Smith Park.....	229.24		229.24
Central Park.....	376.83		376.83
Summit Park.....	228.88		228.88
Park Place.....		132.42	132.42
Rice Park.....	445.87		445.87
Irvine Park.....	209.87		209.87
Alice and Terrace Parks.....	161.19		161.19
Lewis Park.....	204.26		204.26
Oakland Park.....	386.75	19.25	406.00
Public Bath Entrance.....	125.88	70.12	196.00
Public Playground.....	5.05	64.72	69.77
Triangle on Pleasant Ave.....		28.80	28.80
Triangle near Langford Park.....		6.60	6.60
Courthouse.....		4.46	4.46
Summit Boulevard.....	991.34		991.34
Como Boulevard.....	216.63		216.63
Lexington Boulevard.....	291.95	4,483.19	4,775.14
Cutting grass on city streets.....	2,452.73		2,452.73
Outside work.....	299.30		299.30
	<hr/> \$61,482.13	<hr/> \$34,830.02	<hr/> \$96,312.15

TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR EACH MONTH.

January.....	\$3,670.05
February.....	4,782.62
March.....	3,272.59
April.....	5,534.72
May.....	11,275.37
June.....	14,182.34
July.....	13,071.87
August.....	11,606.58
September.....	9,190.46
October.....	8,500.52
November.....	5,405.23
December.....	5,819.80
Total.....	<u>\$96,312.15</u>

NUMBER OF DAYS WORKED, SEASON 1905.

	Foreman, Engineers, Timekeeper, Clerk	Mechanics, Skilled Labor, Firemen	Park Police, Watchmen	Laborers	Teams	Total
January....	169.6	657.8	262.8	419.5	117.7	1,627.4
February...	167.5	673.0	264.0	523.8	131.5	1,759.8
March.	152.0	591.0	242.0	473.4	131.2	1,589.6
April.....	195.2	840.1	271.0	266.6	112.6	1,685.5
May.....	246.0	1,329.7	234.0	1,726.6	210.0	3,782.3
June.....	297.8	1,669.3	566.0	2,353.3	250.8	5,137.2
July.....	310.5	1,536.0	660.0	2,473.3	252.7	5,232.5
August.....	352.0	1,505.6	723.0	2,315.1	205.9	5,101.6
September..	345.5	1,490.6	766.0	1,725.2	220.4	4,547.7
October....	273.0	1,297.4	701.5	1,194.5	204.4	3,670.8
November..	219.0	773.4	386.0	770.4	175.4	2,324.2
December..	161.1	756.4	235.5	542.8	120.5	1,816.3
Total. ...	<u>2,889.2</u>	<u>13,120.3</u>	<u>5,311.8</u>	<u>14,820.5</u>	<u>2,133.1</u>	<u>38,274.9</u>

PARK STATISTICS TO JANUARY 1, 1905.

PARKS	Year of Acquisition	COST TO DATE			Area Acres Land	Length of Walks of Drive-way	Area of Lakes	Length of Cycle Paths
		Land	Construction	Total				
Improved Parks								
Como Park.....	1873-1902	112,608.39	656,008.49	768,616.88	322.5	5.4	102	2.3
Phalen Park.....	1901-1903	65,018.46	65,541.84	130,560.30	220.4	.5	249	
Indian Mounds Park.....	1893-1903	91,839.22	43,259.40	135,098.62	76.4	1.2		
Carpenter Park.....	1886-1890	36,378.84	12,230.49	48,609.33	.05	.09		
Central Park.....	1884	Dedicated	15,756.28	15,756.28	2.3	.28		
Alice Park.....	1879	Dedicated	3,419.82	3,419.82	.5			
Hampden Park.....		No dedic.	7,949.70	7,949.70	2.8	.24		
Irvine Park.....	1875	Dedicated	10,458.31	10,458.31	3.5	.2		
Lafayette Park.....	1884-5-6	34,688.00	10,018.62	44,706.62	1.0	.2		
Lake Iris Park.....	1884-1901	3,291.22	4,379.57	7,670.79	1.9	.11		
Langford Park.....		No dedic.	6,138.99	6,138.99	9.3	.5		
Lewis Park.....	1883	Dedicated	2,490.64	2,490.64	1.2	.11		
Merriam Terrace Park.....	1882	Dedicated	14,028.87	14,028.87	7.7	.6		
Rice Park.....	1875	Dedicated	13,463.00	13,463.00	1.6	.02		
Smith Park.....	1875	Dedicated	9,697.21	9,697.21	2.0	.22		
Summit Park.....	1883	10,000.00	11,039.56	21,039.56	.9	.11		
Commonwealth Park.....	1903	Dedicated	813.10	813.10	.75			
Cherokee Heights.....	1903-4	8,367.30	873.44	9,240.74	10.0			
Alden Square.....		No dedic.	1,022.85	1,022.85	.7			
Holcombe Park.....	1857	Dedicated	3,886.62	3,886.62	.4			
Crocus Hill.....	1871	Dedicated	2,302.97	2,302.97	1.8			
LaRoy Triangle.....	1885	Dedicated	463.15	463.15	.1			

PARK STATISTICS TO JANUARY 1, 1905.—Continued.

PARKS	Year of Acquisition	COST TO DATE			Area Acres Land	Length of Walks of Drive-way		Area of Lakes	Length of Cycle Paths	
		Land	Construction	Total		Miles	Acres		Miles	
Improved Parks—Cont.										
Sunshine Triangle.....	1885	Dedicated	463.15	463.15	.1					
Vanslyke Triangle.....	1885	Dedicated	463.15	463.15	.1					
Lytton Place.....	1883	Dedicated	410.72	410.72	.5					
Park Place.....	1878	Dedicated	1,135.20	1,135.20	.4	.05				
Terrace Park.....	1877	Donated	2,036.28	2,036.28	1.2	.06				
Point of View.....	1888	Dedicated	474.74	474.74	.4					
Portland Place.....	1888	Dedicated	694.85	694.85	.1					
Summit Court.....			148.32	148.32	.02					
Olive St. Triangle.....			819.44	819.44	.14					
Ramsay Triangle.....			28.80	28.80	.12					
Oakland Park.....	1884	Condemned	568.98	568.98	1.2					
Hamun Park.....	1904	Dedicated	478.05	478.05	.5					
Wheeler Park.....		No dedic.	846.12	846.12	.3					
Cromwell Park.....		No dedic.	749.53	749.53	.3					
Bradford Park.....		No dedic.	640.15	640.15	.2					
Public Bath Approach.....			565.87	565.87	2.2	.1				
Summit Ave. Blvd.....			110,102.71	110,102.71	60.0				4.8	2.4
Midway Parkway.....	1896		9,083.71	9,083.71	12.0				1.5	
Riverside Park and Blvd.....	1901		21,256.34	21,256.34	74.67				2.0	
Como Ave. Blvd.....		8,450.00	8,064.78	16,514.78	6.0				.6	1.2
Lexington Ave. Blvd.....	1904	39,626.70	6,853.98	46,483.68	54.4	1.2			2.5	
Public Playground.....	1904	12,000.00	5,502.18	17,502.18	3.50					

PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS.

The provision made in our city for athletic recreation and out door enjoyment of the children has proven both beneficent and curative for the ills of city life of the small boy on the city streets. The opportunity to play in large company with other children, if nothing else, stimulates a growing desire for self-respect and decent behavior, the two most important principles of starting life.

The city playgrounds contain 1.77 acres on Como avenue, 0.91 acre of which is park property and in Block 1, Evans Addition, 1.82 acres acquired during the past season. Both grounds are in need of extensive improvement in order to fully serve the purpose for which they are intended.

The Playground Committee has recommended the acquisition of a new playground in the Fifth Ward, a very desirable addition to the system. But more land for this purpose should, with the present available funds, not be recommended, while the theory that land should be acquired while cheap is sound, there will be a clamor in every district that the acquired grounds be improved and this with the present means is not possible. The equipment of the Como avenue playground to bring it to its full efficiency will cost for buildings, \$5,000.00; for equipments of the grounds, \$2,500.00; for ground improvements, \$3,000.00; a total of \$10,500.00.

The Arlington Hills Playground for the same items will cost \$12,000.00 and the new Fifth Ward Playground (after acquired) \$12,500.00, a grand total of \$35,000.00; while not large for the purpose, will materially increase with new additions of grounds, before some of the older ones are entirely completed.

I would recommend to the Playground Committee to have in view the erection of substantial buildings (brick or concrete construction) for the playgrounds. These buildings should be of tasty designs and fitted out for the purpose, set in a surrounding frame of trees and shrubbery.

The Como avenue playground is as yet a picture of desolation and money for its embellishment is needed. The shack serving as a field house should be substituted with a well designed, substantial building, re-located away from under the shadows of the school house walls, and be brought out a feature in itself properly set in appropriate greenery and distinction, characteristic of its function.

The public streets now crossing and dividing the three pieces of property should be abandoned, some could be narrowed down to an absolute necessity of service streets and others re-located so as to aid the ornamentation of the playground. The present organic act of the Playground management is one of the most unsatisfactory of any of the Departments of the City Government.

The powers of the Playground Committee under the city ordinance confined to an advisory capacity do not serve as a stimulus to enthusiasm in their work.

The development and care of the playgrounds should be placed in the hands of aggressive men and women especially fitted for and interested in the work, with sufficient authority to care for, provide and equip the playgrounds of the city outside of public parks.

The report of the Chairman, Supervisor and the financial statement of the Playground account is herewith submitted.

PUBLIC PLAYGROUND ACCOUNT SEASON 1905.

Receipts.

Annual Appropriation.	\$10,000.00
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Disbursements.

Maintenance of Playgrounds.....	\$ 500.00	
Salaries for Playground Employees.....	1,393.51	
Grading of Baseball Ground, Como Avenue.....	1,055.00	
Purchase of Land, "Arlington Hills"	4,500.00	
Supplies, Apparatus, etc.	452.14	
Total.....	<hr/>	\$7,900.65
Balance.....		\$2,099.35

RECOMMENDATIONS.

With the acquisition of the land needed for the right of way for the proposed Interlachen Boulevard and waterway and the prospect of an early start of its improvement, will bring other obstructions clearly into view. The first one is the trestle bridge, supported by timber piles under the Wisconsin Central R. R. right of way near Lake Phalen. This bridge must be rebuilt so as to afford room for the dredge boat to work the canal through and a space for a 40 foot driveway on the East side of the waterway. The second obstruction is a low down plank bridge near Lake Jarvis, which must be renewed with a perhaps relocated structure on a level high enough to allow large boats to pass under. This work, undoubtedly, the Board of County Commissioners will take care of in their 1907 Budget.

The next and most important work before the Board, is the widening and improving of Lake Como and Phalen Avenue, as a parkway to serve as the connecting link between our two most important Parks. After careful consideration and study of the different suggested routes to serve as a link between

the two parks, Como and Phalen avenue must be considered the most natural and best adopted, whatever the difficulties of its abrupt grades may present, and the apprehension of its cost, it can not be doubted that it will prove more popular than the route by Minneapolis avenue, a half mile north, where at its easterly end a portion was vacated for cemetery purposes, which is an objection much more far reaching than an offhand deliberation would admit. A prominent improvement of this kind, through its attractiveness will increase the value of the adjacent property and thereby enhance the taxable capital of the city. This, I think, will materialize much earlier on Como and Phalen avenue than it would on a route one half mile further north. I would recommend that this avenue be widened to one hundred feet, so as to make it available for the purpose. The connecting parkway between Phalen and Indian Mounds Park as to its final location deserve some further study, as the rugged contour lines of the land between these two parks present many varied advantages of either of the three routes under consideration.

Respectfully,

F. NUSSBAUMER,

Superintendent.

INVENTORY OF MACHINES AND TOOLS.

Dec. 31, 1905.

COMO.

- 1 Gasoline Launch.
- 158 Pairs Oars.
- 158 Row Boats.
- 348 Pairs Oar Locks.
- 3 Steam Boilers.
- 1 3,000,000 Gallon Centrifugal Pump.
- 1 2,000,000 Gallon Allis High Duty Pump.
- 1 1,000,000 Gallon Blake Piston Pump.
- 1 Diaphragm Pump.
- 4 Boiler Feeds.
- 1 Lathe.
- 5 Oil Tanks, 52 gal. each.
- 1 Dynamo.
- 1 24 in. Key Wrench.
- 1 Plumbers blast Furnace.
- 1 Case Standard Dies, $\frac{1}{4}$ -2 inch.
- 2 Chain Tongs.
- 1 Small House Derrick.
- 1 Triple Block and Pulley.
- 2 Double Block and Pulley.
- 4 Single Block and Pulley.
- 6 Hay Racks.
- 2 Plows.
- 8 Horse Blankets.
- 6 Light Horse Blankets.
- 2 Sets Double Fly nets.
- 2 Lap Robes.
- 4 Hatchets.
- 3 Pair Rubber Boots.
- 20 Water Pails.
- 2,400 Feet Hose.
- 24 Swings.
- 2 Air Swings.
- 1 Cook Stove and Boiler.
- 3,750 Feet Settees.
- 85 Park Settees.

2,332 Feet Benches.

6 Gasoline Lamps.

15 Tool Boxes.

1 40 foot Extension Ladder.

1 20 foot Extension Ladder.

1 Step Ladder.

5 Sets Draft Harness.

2 Sets Light Double Harness.

2 Sets Single Harness.

4 Slushers.

1,300 Feet Track Rails.

4 Dump Cars.

44 Lawn Mowers.

60 Lawn Rakes.

21 Hay Rakes.

37 Road Rakes.

29 Spades.

2 Long Handle Shovels.

83 Shovels.

8 Snow Shovels.

20 Scythe Blades.

24 Scythe Handles.

1 Brush Scythe.

5 Wagons.

4 Bob Sleighs.

1 Spring Wagon.

1 Concord Buggy.

1 2 Seated Carriage.

4 Springling Wagons.

2 Water Tanks.

1 Steam Road Roller.

1 1-Horse Road Roller.

1 2-Horse Hay Mower.

1 Horse Hay Rake.

1 Tree Transplanter.

1 Jigger.

2 Road Scrapers.

1 Snow Scraper.

1 Road Harrow.

- 1 Set Field Harrows.
- 1 Stone Crusher.
- 5 Binding Chains.
- 1 Flower Rack.
- 150 Feet $\frac{3}{4}$ in. Rope.
- 10 Draft Horses.
- 2 Driving Horses.
- 1 Ice Chisel.
- 1 Wire Stretcher.
- 1 Grind Stone.
- 50 Feet $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Rope.
- 50 Feet $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. Rope.
- 21 Wheelbarrows.
- 6 Brush Knives.
- 17 Sickles.
- 51 Picks.
- 27 Pick Handles.
- 17 Grub-Hoes.
- 2 Stone Wheelbarrows.
- 25 Hay Forks.
- 14 Manure Forks.
- 2 Garden Hoes.
- 6 Morter Hoes.
- 1 Horse Sod Cutter.
- 2 Pipe Tongs.
- 1 Sheep Shears.
- 2 Crawford Bicycles.
- 7 Crowbars.
- 7 Padlocks.
- 3 Sledge Hammers.
- 2 Single Horse Lawn Mowers.
- 6 Tree Trimming Poles.
- 2 Scoop Shovels.
- 1 Stone Elevator for Crusher.
- 1 Bale 6 in. Rubber Belt.
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Box Whetstones.
- 3 Oil Cans.
- 1 Emery Wheel.
- 6 Sprinkling Cans.

- 4 Rock Drills.
- 8 Steel Wheelbarrows.
- 2 Box Stoves.
- 10 Lengths stoye Pipe.
- 2 Crosscut Saws.

MISCELLANEOUS STOCK ON HAND.

- 2 Bales Fence Wire.
- 330 10 in. Sewer Pipe.

TOILET ROOMS.

- 1 Parlor Table.
- 1 Bureau.
- 2 Towel Rollers.
- 2 Wicker Rockers.
- 1 Small Looking Glass.
- 4 Dozen Towels.
- 2 Dozen Mops.

OFFICE.

- 1 Roll Top Desk.
- 2 Office Tables.
- 6 Letter Files.
- 1 Drawing Table.
- 1 Section Liner.
- 3 Watchman's Clocks.
- 1 Box Railroad Curves.
- 8 Office Chairs.
- 1 Diebold Safe.
- 2 Waste Baskets.
- 2 T Squares.
- 1 Railroad Pen.
- 1 Dotting Pen and Wheel.
- 1 Leveling Rod.
- 5 Assorted Files.
- 1 Typewriter and Cabinet.

PIPE LAYERS TOOLS.

- 1 Parmelee Wrench.
- 1 Armstrong Stock and Dies, $\frac{1}{4}$ 2 inch.
- 3 Stillson Pipe Wrenches, 12, 18, 24 inch.
- 1 Die Stock Solid Dies, $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 inch.
- 4 Calking Irons.

- 1 Machinist Vice.
- 2 Lead Pots.
- 28 Standpipe Valves.
- 1 Block Chain Tongs.
- 1 Stock and Dies, $\frac{1}{4}$ -1 inch.
- 1 Monkey Wrench.
- 1 Pipe Cutter.
- 1 Pipe Vice.
- 1 Tapping Machine.
- 2 Ladles.
- 1 Calking Hammer.

BLACKSMITHS TOOLS.

- 1 Anvil.
- 1 Vice.
- 1 Ratchet Brace.
- 2 Planes.
- 4 Wood Chisels.
- 5 Rasps.
- 3 Monkey Wrenches.
- 1 Try Square.
- 3 Hoof Knives.
- 4 Hoof Cutters.
- 5 Blacksmith Hammers.
- 3 Screw Clamps.
- 2 Die Wrenches.
- 3 Cold Chisels.
- 1 Oil Can.
- 1 Marking Gauge.
- 1 Reamer.
- 2 Fullers.
- 1 Ratchet.
- 1 Hardy.
- 1 Bellows.
- 1 Hand Axe.
- 1 Draw Knife.
- 1 Box of 13 Bits.
- 3 Ratchet Drills.
- 2 Hand Saws.
- 1 Square.

- 1 Bolt Cutter.
- 4 Rippers.
- 14 Tongs.
- 1 Sledge Hammer.
- 7 Ratchet Bits.
- 12 Crow Punches.
- 2 Iron Guages.
- 1 Set Try Compasses.
- 2 Handles Cold Chisels.
- 1 Iron Support.
- 1 Tuyere Iron.
- 1 Stove.
- 1 Pinch Bar.
- 1 Oil Can.
- 4 S Wrenches.
- 1 Horse Tooth File.
- 1 Grind Stone.

GREENHOUSE TOOLS.

- 80,000 Flower Pots.
- 150 Hotbed Sash.
- 1 Sprinkling Can.
- 1 Grub Hoe.
- 1 Manure Fork.
- 2 Shovels.
- 4 Spades.
- 1 Jack Plane.
- 1 Draw Knife.
- 1 Steel Square.
- 1 2 ft. Spirit Level.
- 1 Syringe.
- 1 Pair Rubber Boots.
- 1 Trowel.
- 2 Hand Saws.
- 4 Garden Rakes.
- 150 Feet Hose.

INDIAN MOUNDS TOOLS.

- 1 Plow.
- 2 Slushers.
- 150 Hose.
- 1 Lawn Mower.

- 8 Shovels.
- 8 Picks.
- 5 Grubhoes.
- 2 Lawn Rakes.
- 1 Road Rake.
- 1 Drill.
- 2 Tool Boxes.
- 1 Water Tank.
- 1 Grind Stone.
- 1 Hatchet.
- 4 Scythes.

PHALEN PARK TOOLS.

- 1 Gasoline Launch.
- 1 Dredge Boat with Machinery.
- 1 Gasoline Pump and Sparker.
- 1 Blacksmith Portable Forge.
- 1 Blacksmith Anvil.
- 20 Ship Augers.
- 1 12 foot Road Level.
- 1 Hatchet.
- 1 4 Horse Road Roller.
- 1 2 Horse Hay Mower.
- 1 Sprinkling Wagon.
- 1 Horse Hay Rake.
- 22 Shovels.
- 8 Picks.
- 6 Steel Wedges.
- 2 Grubhoes.
- 2 Spades.
- 15 Wheelbarrows.
- 1 Grind Stone.
- 10 Hay Forks.
- 14 Hay Rakes.
- 1 Steel Road Rake.
- 10 Brooms.
- 4 Scythes.
- 1 Pruning Saw.
- 9 Mops.
- 4 Mop Handles.
- 6 Bracket Lamps.

½ Box Soap.
12 Roller Towels.
1 Sledge Hammer.
1 Crowbar.
106 Row Boats.
200 Oars.
350 Oar Locks.
150 feet Hose.
12 Anchors for Boats.
1 Tool Box.
292 feet of Benches.
22 Patent Benches.

MISCELLANEOUS STOCK ON HAND.

60 feet 2 in. Water Pipe.
44 feet 12 in. Sewer Pipe.
90 feet 6 in. Sewer Pipe.
1 1-5 Bundles Fence Wire.

REPORT OF PLAYGROUNDS COMMITTEE.

ST. PAUL, MINN., January 8, 1906.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF ST. PAUL.

DEAR SIRs:—The Playgrounds Committee, appointed by the Mayor of the city during the earlier part of last year, as an advisory committee to your body in the matter of the equipment and management of playgrounds in the city of St. Paul, takes pleasure in handing you herewith the report of the Supervisor of Playgrounds.

The report of the Supervisor enters into the details of the supervision of the playgrounds and of the play of the children on the grounds.

Immediately after having secured the services of Mr. Arthur Leland, as Supervisor, as was done under your resolution of May 1st, 1905, the Como avenue grounds were opened under his direction for the use of the children in the vicinity. During the course of the season considerable apparatus was added to the equipment of these grounds. The half block which lies south of Lafond street and was below grade and which with the exception of the west lot, formed a part of these grounds, was, under the direction of your Superintendent, filled up and graded. These grounds were kept open until November 15th and were much appreciated by the children of the neighborhood.

We hope that steps can soon be taken to secure the vacation of that end of Lafond street that now runs into the grounds and divides the main portion into two parts. It might possibly be well, at some later time, to secure the narrowing of the road bed of Marion street, which now divides the grounds, East and West, so that the three somewhat disjointed parts of the present playground may be better united. The proximity of these grounds to what must soon become one of the most beautiful thoroughfares of the city, leads us to hope that we may demonstrate on these grounds, by the development of a large athletic field, for basket ball, foot ball, base ball, tennis and kindred sports, the utility of playgrounds in general.

About the middle of August, under your direction, the purchase of fourteen lots in Block 1, of Evans Addition, bounded by Greenbrier, Rose and Maryland streets and Payne avenue was made. These lots, which now form the Arlington Hills Playgrounds, lie directly across the street from the Phalen Park Pub-

lic School. The popularity of these grounds with the many children of that neighborhood was at once apparent. It being too late in the season to provide for a shelter house, the grounds were at once equipped with some apparatus. There is need on these grounds of a shelter house and more apparatus.

With a more thorough equipment of both the Arlington Hills grounds and the Como avenue grounds, with the establishment on the Como avenue grounds at least, of an athletic field, and with the extension of the system this year as far as it seems advisable and the funds available will permit, we hope to demonstrate the great utility of a more complete playground system for the city. Your Committee is confident that much benefit, both physical, moral and educational, will in time come from the supervision of the play time of the children of the city. that the city itself will not rest content until every ward has a fully equipped playground, which will be either adjacent to some park or surrounded by some of the features of our splendid Park System.

The Recreation Parks established in Chicago present the Ideal of playground possibilities. The following quoted from this report of 1904 shows the spirit in which the work is carried out.

"Wage earners are most in need of park service. The welfare of these people—physical, moral, mental—is the great municipal problem of the day. It will become more and more acute as our population increases. The South Park Commissioners, responsible for an adequate park service, believe the most important factor in solving this problem of the masses is the establishment of useful as well as ornamental parks. The neighborhood center embodies the highest practical type of public service in a park. The South Park Districts presents, in its new recreation area, the first complete expression of this idea. The field houses, or neighborhood center buildings, provide places where physical and mental culture and wholesome recreation may be enjoyed by any one who conducts himself properly.

"First of all there is a provision for gymnasium work, summer and winter, for men and women and boys and girls. The interior gymnasiums are connected with outdoor gymnasiums for use during the summer, but the indoor service is available all the year. In addition and outside of each field house, is a large swimming pool, provided with the necessary dressing rooms and other accessories.

The neighborhood center buildings provide also for intellectual and social life, not only in summer, but also during the long winter evenings. There is an assembly hall in each building. This is at the service of the clubs and societies of the unorganized residents of the neighborhood. There is no charge for its use or for the use of anything else in the houses. There are club rooms

for smaller meetings. There is also a refreshment room where light foods are served at cost."

The following figures compiled from the report shows the conveniences and facilities for recreation in the eighteen Parks under the direction of the South Park Commissioners:

Golf Courses.....	4
Tennis Courts.....	111
Cricket Grounds.....	1
Baseball Diamonds.....	22
Football grounds.....	15
Skating Houses.....	14
Toboggan Slides.....	15
Curling Ponds.....	1
Speeding Courses, ice.....	2
Speeding Courses, earth.....	1
Bathing Pools, number of booths.....	1,588
Wading pools.....	16
Sand pits.....	13
Gymnasiums Inside, Men.....	10
Gymnasiums Inside, Women.....	10
Shower Baths, Men.....	88
Shower Baths, Women.....	77
Plunge Baths, Men.....	10
Plunge Baths, Women.....	10
Gymnasiums outside, Men.....	10
Gymnasiums outside, Women.....	10
Running tracks.....	8
Children's Enclosed Playgrounds.....	10
Assembly Halls.....	10

With an attractive arrangement of Nature near at hand and with fair play and fair mindedness taught on playgrounds properly supervised and furnished with equipment that will make the play there both beneficial and attractive, it is only natural to suppose that good results must come from this new departure in municipal government—a departure that has not only taken hold of so many of our cities, but has been given such a large place of late in the government of our own city of St. Paul.

G. H. TEN BROECK,
Chairman Playgrounds Committee.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF THE PLAYGROUNDS.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE:

The playgrounds this year have been conducted along the same lines which were laid out last year. The new equipment added at the Como Avenue grounds includes a giant stride for the girls, two sets of detachable and adjustable parallel bars, a set of eight leather bottomed baby swings in which the very little ones may be tied and swung without danger, a rope ladder and a pair of sliding poles. The sanders have been hauled on the gymnasium and will be spread in the spring.

The improvements at the Arlington Hills Playground include a set of nine swings, four see saws, two giant slides, a pair of parallel bars and a set of basketball goals. Part of the ground was leveled.

THE OPERATION OF THE GROUNDS.

On account of the lateness of starting the grading and planting on the Como Avenue grounds the baseball diamond was not available until a few weeks before the opening of school. This gave a very short and unsatisfactory season. Only three teams entering the Eighth Ward League. As the Supervisor was obliged to spend the greater part of his time at the Como Avenue grounds, having only one assistant up to the middle of August, it was impossible to organize and carry on games in other parts of the city as was done last year. The general usefulness of the playground suffered from lack of sufficient force to carry on organized games. During the summer when the playground was open nights, the mere keeping of order and care of the apparatus required so much attention and strength on the part of the two in charge that little energy was left for anything else, and the organization of teams was neglected.

ATTENDANCE.

During the summer time the attendance was carefully kept. These figures do not represent the number of different children attending but the largest number attending each day. The morning, afternoon and evening averages have

been added together to give the total. From June 10th to September 7th the average daily attendance at the Como Avenue grounds was:

	Forenoon	Afternoon	Evening	Total
Boys.....	35	43	80	158
Girls.....	18	30	41	89
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	53	73	121	247

During the school term the statistics of attendance at the nearest school gives a pretty accurate idea of the numbers using the grounds each day. At the Schef-fer School it was: Boys, 190; Girls, 214; total, 404; at the Arlington Hills School it was: Boys, 400; Girls, 430; total, 830. The attendance at the Como Avenue grounds would have been much larger this year if the baseball diamond had been in operation.

THE NIGHT PLAYGROUND.

From the 14th of June to the 23d of August the playground was open in the evening until dark. Many of the larger boys and girls thus had an opportunity to make use of the grounds. The disciplinary problems at night are very serious ones. It is impossible for two people to keep order and at the same time carry on organized games. Especially is this true when these same teachers have been actively at work in the playground the greater part of the day. Unless more assistants can be employed and a police officer, adapted for the work, can be on the grounds every evening, I would suggest that the night opening be discontinued. The children who can come in the daytime should be obliged to stay away at night.

About the middle of August another assistant was employed for the Arlington Hills Playground, on account of delay in securing the apparatus the new grounds were not opened at once and he was placed at the Como Avenue grounds. This made possible the organization of a number of teams, the girls formed a league of four teams, the boys played match games every night and also classes in horizontal bar, parallel bar, trick rings, pole vaulting and jumping were carried on more or less regularly.

SHOWER BATHS.

The shower baths proved more popular this year than last. The average number of baths taken daily was: Boys, 56; girls, 27; total, 83.

Our two showers were worked to the limit of their capacity. Twice the number of baths could have been given had space permitted.

PLAYGROUND SELF GOVERNMENT.

In order to simplify the discipline of the playground the children were formed into a body politic, a miniature municipality, with the power to elect their own officers and have a say in the making and enforcing of their own laws.

One enterprising candidate for Mayor formed his own party and got such a lead that no one else dared start a party. It was said also that he promised political jobs to the available opposition candidates in addition to telling them that they had no hopes of victory. After some encouragement from the Supervisor another candidate was found and a party formed to support him. The registration commenced. All who were over eight and could read and write were allowed to vote.

The electioneering was spirited. Ralph McNellis, the citizens candidate for Mayor, had some cards printed after the most approved municipal fashion. The playground shelter house was covered with posters. The election was by secret ballot and resulted in a victory for Sam Longfellow, the candidate for the playgrounds party.

The election however, was the main thing, there never seemed to be any time to get the council together, they all were too busy playing. If the Park Board could appropriate a certain sum monthly to the juvenile city and they in return take the contract for cutting the grass, watering, assisting in cleaning the grounds, etc., a very practical method of teaching municipal methods of handling money and work could be evolved and at the same time a great deal of the work of the care of the grounds could be done more cheaply than it is at present. In addition to this, the children would keep their interest after election because there would be something to do.

SKATING RINKS.

There is great demand for skating rinks, at both of the playgrounds, and the Supervisor feels that they ought to be put in, as the children need to play just as much in the winter time as they do in the summer. The parks are too far away for the little ones to walk and they find it hard work to scare up the nickels to pay street car fares with.

INTER SCHOOL AND INTER PLAYGROUND ATHLETIC CONTESTS.

In order to stimulate the interest in outdoor sports, and increase the use of the playgrounds, a series of games was arranged.

A combination of the ideas of the Playground Athletic League of Louisville and the Public Schools Athletic League of New York City are incorporated in the scheme.

The complete plan of the league calls for the following games and the winning of them will count the number of points assigned to each game, the points will go to the playground where the teams practice and the playground winning the most points each year will keep possession of the Playground Athletic Championship pennant. The teams winning the championship in each of the games will keep the game pennant until it is won away. Any school of playground winning a pennant three successive years will keep it permanently.

THE SCORING.

Game.	Number of Points.		
	1st.	2d.	3d.
Girls Basket Ball.....	100	75	50
Boys basket ball.....	75	50	25
Boys Base Ball.....	100	75	50
Boys Field Hockey.....	100	75	50
Girls Field Hockey.....	75	50	25
Boys Association football.....	100	75	50
Track and Field sports for both boys and girls.....	100	75	50

During the last week in October the apparatus was taken down at each of the grounds and time was thus secured to visit each school and organize teams. Two teams were selected from among the available candidates at each school and a practice game held in order to pick the best players to represent the school. The Cleveland and Grant girls basket ball teams were defeated by the Phalen Park girls on the Arlington Hills Playground. On the Como avenue grounds the Whittier and Gorman schools were defeated at the hands of the girls from the Madison school. On the closing day the winners of the two local series of games went to the Como avenue grounds and played the final game which gave the basket ball championship to the Madison School.

A similar scheme of organized play was started with the boys. The Gorman and Whittier schools played a couple of games which resulted in a tie. The Phalen Park school organized their teams and played a practice game. Snow coming at this time made a cessation of play necessary. At some of the earlier games the defeated teams did not take the result in a very sportsmanship manner, but as the series proceeded this feeling wore away. The last game between the Madison and Phalen Park teams was one of the best games of basket ball we have ever seen. The most commendable spirit prevailed throughout the whole contest, both teams eager to win, but observed the rules very conscientiously. At the end of the game the Phalen Park girls who lost on acc-

count of the superior experience and practice of the Madison girls, of their own accord gave three cheers for the winners. This is the spirit of fair play and clean sport which we are striving to cultivate by means of the playground.

We hear a great deal these days about foot ball and clean sport generally. The only way athletics will be reformed is by starting with the children and let them first learn to love victory only when it is honorably gained. When they have learned this lesson in play, the spirit of fairness will be carried by them to their school work and later to their life work. We need citizens who have learned to play fair.

ARTHUR LELAND,
Supervisor of Playgrounds.

INVENTORY.

Como Avenue Playground.

Gymnastic Apparatus.

- 2 Ball bearing Giant Strides, complete with 6 ropes.
- 1 Pair Swinging Rings, complete.
- 6 Baby Swings.
- 6 Short Swings.
- 3 High Swings.
- 1 Pair of Boys' Parallel Bars.
- 1 Pair of Girls' Parallel Bars.
- 1 Revolving See-saw.
- 2 Climbing Poles.
- 1 Pair of Basket-ball goals and Screens.
- 1 Boys' Horizontal Bar.
- 3 Horizontal Bars, to fit on iron pipe frames.
- 1 Set Iron Pipe Swing Frames for Girls.
- 1 Set Iron Pipe Baby Swing Frames.
- 1 Set Bridge Column Swings, for boys.
- 1 Rope Ladder.
- 1 Pair of Sliding Poles.

Games.

- 1 Basket-ball.
- 1 Foot-ball.
- 1 Volley-ball.
- 2 Crockinole Boards.
- 1 Pair of Lacross Sticks.
- 1 Set of Boxing Gloves.
- 1 Tennis Net.
- 4 Tennis Racquets.
- 2 Sets of Baby Tenpins.
- 1 dozen hockey Balls.
- 2 Shuttle Cocks.
- 3½ dozen Base Balls.
- 28 Tennis Balls (dead).
- 1 Baseball Mask.
- 1 Punching Bag (broken).
- ½ Dozen Checker Boards.
- ½ Dozen Checker Men.

- ½ Dozen Domino Sets.
- 1 Dozen Backgammon Boards.
- 1 Croquet Set (broken).
- 1 Bagatelle Board (broken).
- 4 Base ball Bats.
- 1 Football Bladder.
- 18 Hockey Clubs.
- 3 Small Carts.
- 3 Small Carts (broken).

Tools.

- 1 Cross-cut Saw.
- 1 Rip Saw.
- 1 Broken 3-inch Pipe Wrench.
- 1 Hatchet.
- 1 Lawn Mower.
- 1 Lawn Roller .
- 1 Shovel.
- 1 Broom.
- 1 Hoe.
- 1 Wrench.
- 1 Pair of Pliers.
- 1 Pair of Grass Scissors.
- 1 Putty Knife.
- 1 Screwdriver.
- 1 Fifty-foot Tape.
- 1 Lawn Tennis Marker.
- 1 File.
- 1 Saddlers' Punch.
- 1 Turf Trimmer.
- 1 Hose Cart and Reel.

Miscellaneous.

- 1 Roll Top Desk.
- 1 Letter File.
- 8 Padlocks.
- 4 Short Chains.
- 75 Feet German Coil Chain
- 1 Oil Stove.
- 1 Ladder.

103 Books.

- 1 Ball Lashing Twine.
- 1 Can Machine Oil.
- 1 Box.
- 1 Hose Nozzle
- 1 Football Pump.
- 7 Bandages.
- ½ Roll Adhesive Plaster.
- 1 Dozen tubes Black Chainalene.
- 1 Can Oil of Tar.
- 1 Set Aluminum Swing Checks.
- 9 Cakes Bon Ami.
- 6 Cakes Sapolio.
- 31 Cakes Ivory Soap.
- 60 Feet 1-inch Rope.
- 55 Feet 1¼-inch Rope.
- ½ Dozen 1¼-inch Rope Thimbles
- 3 Bunches Raffia.
- Miscellaneous pieces of Rope for Splicing.
- 3 Baseball Bases.
- 30 Towels.
- 1 Oil Can.
- 2 Pails.
- 7 Tin Cups.
- 1 Coil ½-inch Galvanized Ribbon Wire.
- Part of Coil of Galvanized Ribbon Wire.
- ½ Box Toilet Paper.
- 1 Flag.
- 24 Pieces Black Pipe, 3 feet by 1 inch.
- 10 Short Pieces ¾-inch Pipe.
- 3 Pieces Black Pipe, 4 feet by 1¼ inches.
- 4 Pieces Black Pipe, 4 feet by 2 inches.
- 1 2-inch by 8-inch Flange.
- 4 2-inch by 1-inch Reducers.
- 49 Mall Top Castings for 3-inch pipe clamp.
- 51 Mall Bottom Castings for 3-inch pipe-clamp.
- 3 Grey Iron Castings, for swing boards.
- 17 Mall Rope Hooks.
- 6 Wedge Screw Castings.

Arlington Hills Playgrounds.**Gymnasium Equipment, Tools, etc.**

- 1 Set Girls' Swings, on 3-inch iron pipe frames, including 5 snort and 2 long swings.
- 4 Sec-saws.
- 1 Giant Stride, complete with six ropes.
- 1 Giant Stride Pole.
- 1 Pair Boys' Parallel Bars.
- 2 Basket-ball Standards and Goals.
- 1 Tennis Net.
- 1 Basket Ball.
- 1 Football.
- 1 Baseball.
- 1 Hockey Ball.
- 18 Hockey Sticks.
- 1 Pails.
- 6 Tin Cups.
- 3 Baseball Bats.
- 1 Tin Washbasin.
- 6 Padlocks (one) broken.
- 3 Pieces Trace Chain.
- 1 Rat-tail File.
- 1 Tool Box.
- 2 Tubes Chainalene.
- 1 Blank Book.
- 2 Pairs Swinging Rings.

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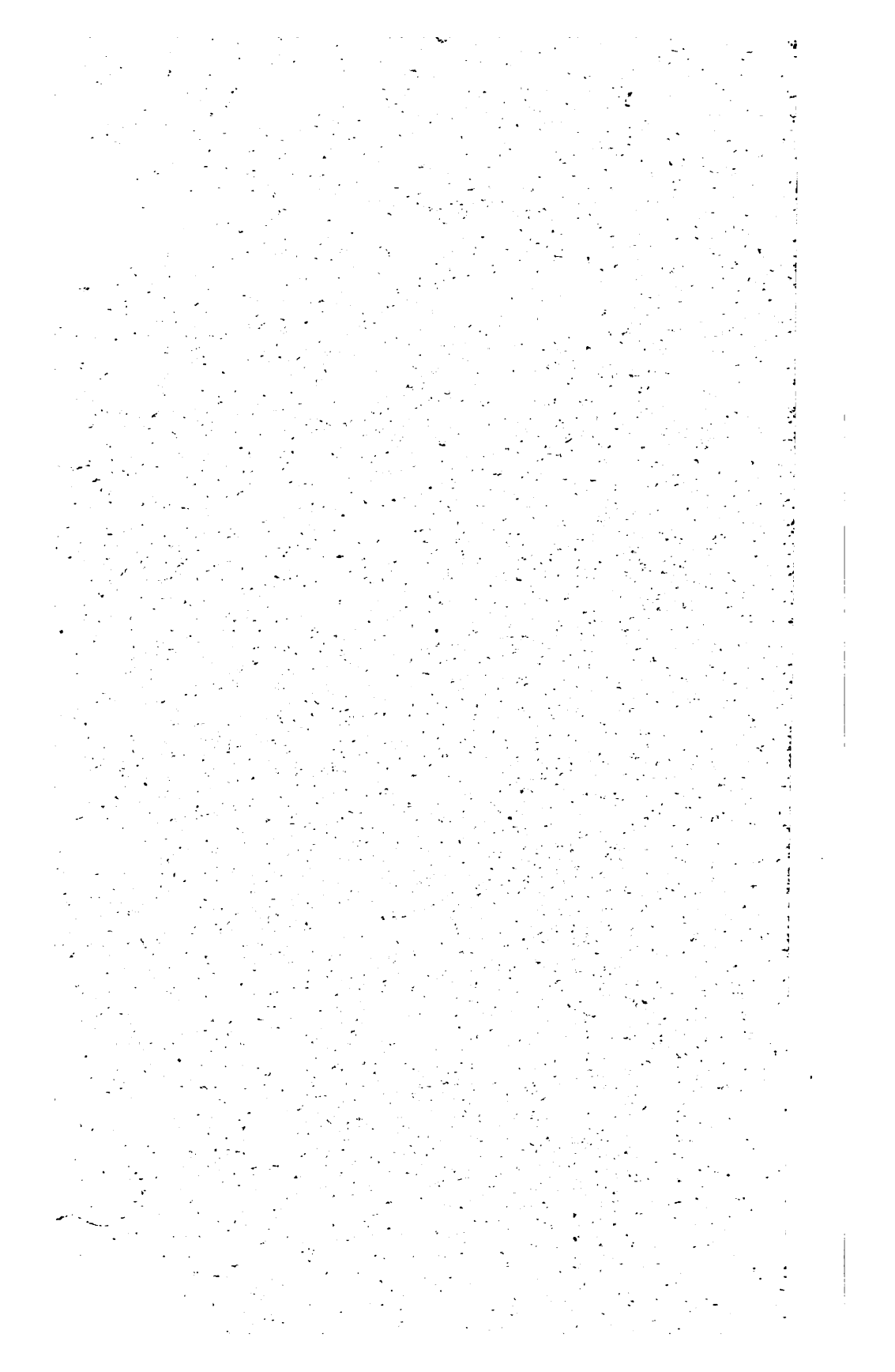
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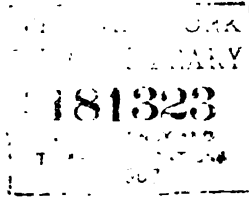
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March 1, 1906 to March 1, 1907

H. W. TOPPING,
Vice-President, Acting President.

GEORGE T. REDINGTON,
Secretary.

FRED NUSSBAUMER,
Superintendent.

Board of Park Commissioners

FROM

MARCH 1887, TO MARCH 1888.

WILLIAM A. VAN SLYKE.	RUDOLPH SCHIFFMAN.
GREENLEAF CLARK.	WILLIAM N. CAMPBELL.
JOHN D. LUDDEN.	BERIAH MAGOFFIN.
STANFORD NEWELL.	HIRAM F. STEVENS.

MARCH, 1888, TO MARCH, 1889.

WILLIAM A. VAN SLYKE.	HIRAM F. STEVENS.
JOHN D. LUDDEN.	BERIAH MAGOFFIN.
STANFORD NEWELL.	ASAHEL G. WEDGE.
RUDOLPH SCHIFFMAN.	

MARCH, 1889, TO MARCH, 1890.

H. C. ELLER.	RUDOLPH SCHIFFMAN.
E. A. HENDRICKSON.	HIRAM F. STEVENS.
JOHN D. LUDDEN.	WILLIAM A. VAN SLYKE.
STANFORD NEWELL.	A. G. WEDGE.

MARCH, 1890, TO MARCH, 1891.

HOMER C. ELLER.	RUDOLPH SCHIFFMAN.
EUGENE A. HENDRICKSON.	HIRAM F. STEVENS.
JOHN D. LUDDEN.	WILLIAM A. VAN SLYKE.
JOHN DALE.	FRANK D. ROSS.
STANFORD NEWELL.	A. G. WEDGE.

MARCH, 1891, TO MARCH, 1892.

DANIEL ABERLE.	HILER H. HORTON.
JOHN DALE	CHARLES H. PETSCH

MARCH, 1892, TO MARCH, 1893.

DANIEL ABERLE.	HILER H. HORTON.
W. C. BREDENHAGEN.	CHARLES H. PETSCH.

MARCH, 1893, TO MARCH, 1894.

DANIEL ABERLE.	HILER H. HORTON.
W. C. BREDENHAGEN.	JOSEPH A. WHEELOCK.

MARCH, 1894, TO MARCH, 1895.

DANIEL ABERLE.	JOHN ICKLER.
HILER H. HORTON.	JOSEPH A. WHEELOCK.

MARCH, 1895, TO MARCH, 1896.

DANIEL ABERLE.	WILLIAM HAMM.
JOHN ICKLER.	JOSEPH A. WHEELOCK

MARCH, 1896, TO MARCH, 1897.

DANIEL ABERLE.	WILLIAM HAMM.
J. H. ALLEN.	JOSEPH A. WHEELOCK

MARCH, 1897, TO MARCH, 1898.

DANIEL ABERLE.	WILLIAM HAMM.
J. H. ALLEN.	JOSEPH A. WHEELOCK.

MARCH, 1898, TO MARCH, 1899.

PERCY D. GODFREY.	WILLIAM HAMM.
REESE M. NEWPORT.	JOSEPH A. WHEELOCK.

MARCH, 1899, TO MARCH, 1900.

PERCY D. GODFREY.	WILLIAM HAMM.
REESE M. NEWPORT.	JOSEPH A. WHEELOCK.

MARCH, 1900, TO MARCH, 1901.

LEON T. CHAMBERLAIN.	GUSTAV WILLIUS.
WILLIAM HAMM.	JOSEPH A. WHEELOCK.

MARCH, 1901, TO MARCH, 1902.

DANIEL ABERLE.	WILLIAM HAMM.
LEON T. CHAMBERLAIN.	JOSEPH A. WHEELOCK.
GUSTAV WILLIUS.	

MARCH, 1902, TO MARCH, 1903.

DANIEL ABERLE.	J. A. WHEELOCK.
JOHN A. ALLEN.	WILLIAM HAMM.
DR. ROBERT O. EARL.	

MARCH, 1903, TO MARCH, 1904.

DANIEL ABERLE.	JOSEPH A. WHEELOCK.
JOHN A. ALLEN.	WILLIAM HAMM.
DR. ROBERT O. EARL.	

MARCH, 1904, TO MARCH, 1905.

DANIEL ABERLE.	J. A. WHEELOCK.
H. W. TOPPING.	WILLIAM HAMM.
DR. ROBERT O. EARL.	

MARCH, 1905, TO MARCH, 1906.

DANIEL ABERLE.	LEWIS A. ROBINSON.
H. W. TOPPING.	WILLIAM HAMM.
DR. ROBERT O. EARL.	

TENURE OF OFFICE

HERBERT W. TOPPING.....	May 9, 1904.	March 1, 1907.
LEWIS A. ROBINSON.....	May 18, 1906.	March 1, 1908.
WILLIAM HAMM.....	March 1, 1904.	March 1, 1909.
DANIEL ABERLE.....	March 1, 1905.	March 1, 1910.
DR. ROBERT O. EARL.....	March 1, 1906.	March 1, 1911.

OBITUARY

In the removal, by death, on May 9th 1906, of Mr. Joseph A. Wheelock, President of the Board of Park Commissioners since the sixth day of March 1893, the Board regrets the great loss it has sustained by his death. His energetic zeal and devotion as a member of the Board, in all matters of Park development has left an effective influence for beauty and ornamentation in this City and the appreciation of his labors by all inhabitants of the City will be one of everlasting gratitude to his memory and we, the members of the Board of Park Commissioners wish to place our expression of personal esteem of our late associate, Mr. Joseph A. Wheelock on proper record and hope that on an early date a substantial and appropriate memorial may be erected for him and be placed in Como Park, which represents his most labor and was dearest to his heart.

REPORT OF BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS FOR 1906

*To the Honorable, the Mayor and the Common Council of the City of
St. Paul.*

On May 9th the President of this Board, Honorable Joseph A. Wheelock died and it became my duty to take charge of the Office for the balance of his term. Mr. Wheelock had been President of the Board for over thirteen years. You all know and appreciated the services of our late President and a series of resolutions of Respect, showing our appreciation of his efforts, has been spread upon our Minutes and an engrossed copy of same has been presented to his Family by order of your Board. Also a Crayon of our late President has been ordered and will be placed upon the walls of the Office of the Park Board at an early date.

I would also advocate that, at some time in the near future, some suitable Memorial to our late President should be erected at the entrance of one of our large Parks; preferable Como Park where most of his work was done, he being one of the original Commissioners who were appointed in 1873 to make the first purchase of land at Como Park.

His Honor the Mayor appointed Mr. L. A. Robinson upon your Board, to serve the unexpired time of Commissioner Wheelock.

In submitting this, the sixteenth annual report of the Board of Park Commissioners, I beg to refer to the financial report of the Secretary and the report of the Superintendent, which gives itemized statements of expenditures and of the work accomplished during the past year.

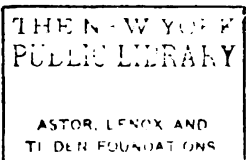
The Board of Park Commissioners find themselves confronted with new and larger problems each succeeding year, arising out of the development and expanse of our Park System and the demands upon it, owing to the growth of the City, necessitates each succeeding year the devotion of more labor and expense for the maintenance and improvements of the Parks and Parkways. The increase of areas should be counterbalanced by corresponding increase of the appropriation to the Park fund, else the condition of the Park system will deteriorate and conditions will become extremely embarrassing.

The persistent clamor of Citizens for the improvement of newly acquired lands can not be carried out unless the depressed financial condition of the Board is relieved. The maximum appropriation for Park purposes is limited to \$90,000 by the Charter; this amount is inadequate for the proper care and development of our growing Park system and is not commensurate with the large expanding growth of our City and its just demands for improvements. The Board will be unable to accomplish much, even under the most gradual prudent and economical way, in which it has been carrying on its work in the past and the future cannot show any satisfactory results if the limit of its appropriation cannot be raised or relief extended in some other way; therefore the Board has considered the advisability of raising funds by a bond issue and probably will ask \$275,000 for the purpose of improving, maintaining and acquiring Parks and Parkways for the City. This amount to be made available during the next five years.

LEXINGTON PARKWAY.

Financial conditions also prevented many important improvements, which the Board had desired to carry out during the past season, the most important of which was the improvement of Lexington Ave. Parkway.

Although the grading of the roadway, with the exception of the final gravel surfacing and rolling, is completed between Summit Ave. and the Great Northern Railway tracks. The more equally important improvement of grading the sidewalks and lawn spaces and the planting of trees is only partially done. The tendency of adjacent lot owners seems to drift into a stingy allotment of building spaces along this parkway, which in spite of its liberal expanse of 160 feet in width, will be dwarfed and cheapened both, in dignity and value. The Park Board could be greatly encouraged





THE MANNHEIMER MEMORIAL AT COMO PARK.

by Real Estate men and lot owners if they would assist in making Lexington Parkway a dignified residence street, thereby adding to its value as a dignified approach to Como Park and to the value of adjoining property all along its line.

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC GRADE CROSSING ON LEXINGTON PARKWAY.

The agreement between the Board and the Northern Pacific Ry. Co. for the construction of a bridge, in order to separate the grade of Lexington Parkway and the railway tracks, was upon the request of the Railroad Co. rescinded by the Board, the very substantial reason given to the Board by the Company was its intention of reducing the track grade at this point in the near future. This necessitated the changing of the Viaduct plan to a much lower grade than the one formerly submitted and adopted by the Board. The new plan will retain the same design for the Bridge, but the parkway grade will be 12 feet lower than it would have been under the former plan, causing additional expense, which the Railway Company has to stand. The lowering of the Railway track will necessitate a much lower cut in Lexington Ave. and will require a strip of land at least 40 feet wide, by about 500 feet long for slopes. The west side is owned by the City, but the east side is owned by private parties and must be acquired in order to carry out the grade separation as proposed. It would cost very little more to acquire 40 feet for the entire distance, from the Great Northern Ry. right of way north to Como Park on the east side of Lexington Ave. and would give a uniform width for the entire distance of this important Parkway improvement from Summit Ave. to Como Park. To carry out this improvement the Board has asked the City Council to issue \$25,000 bonds.

REMOVAL OF THE WORKHOUSE.

On October the First the Board passed a resolution, asking the Common Council to take steps for the re-location of the Workhouse to a more suitable place. Its obstruction to the improvement of the most prominent entrance to Como Park is of such paramount consequence that the Board would be derelict in its duty, if it should fail to call the attention of the Common Council to it.

PHALEN PARK.

The improvement on this most beautiful woodland park has been very limited. A steel bridge of temporary character was built over the Island Canal, the grading of the driveway leading up to Phalen and Gervais Canal, was commenced. This work will entail a large expenditure to complete it and will not be carried further until the City is in possession of all the deeds for the land needed, both along the creek and on the northeast shore of Lake Phalen outside the City limits, besides acquiring the deeds for the land of the Phalen and Gervais Canal, which all but three are now in possession of the City. It will be necessary to rebuild the Wisconsin Central Ry. bridge, for which negotiations are now under way. The other obstacle is the building of a Bridge on a higher grade at the south end of Lake Gervais, where the creek crosses Arcade St. It is hoped that the Board of County Commissioners will order a new Bridge at this point, on a straight line with Arcade St. whenever the Board of Park Commissioners are in a position to make the improvements between Lake Phalen and Gervais, but this cannot be done until the 250 ft. wide strip of land needed for this improvement, is deeded to the City for Park purposes.

INDIAN MOUNDS PARK.

The admirable situation and exceptional landscape character for its attraction as a view park would justify a more liberal expenditure at the hands of the Board for its improvement, but scant allowances of the Park fund limit prohibit a more generous expenditure. For two seasons the small Park force employed, was working on the Roadway, connecting the end of Hoffman Ave. with the Park. Much remains to be done to put this park in good condition; lawns and planting should receive attention, but for lack of means most of these important improvements had to be deferred.

THE RIVER BOULEVARD.

Under all its different modes of acquisition, extends now from the Minneapolis Boundary line on the north, to the Snelling Bridge on the south, a distance of five miles. The opening of the driveway from Randolph St.

south, will be commenced this spring and when fully completed, will give St. Paul a Riverside Park of unequalled beauty.

COMO LAKE SHORE DRIVE.

Owing to excessive rains, which filled all the Lakes to several feet above their normal water level, the shores and Driveway around Lake Como was considerably damaged. The Lake, overflowing its original shorelines, causing great loss to the shore planting and damage to the Driveway. The Superintendent estimates the cost of raising the Roadbed and shoreline above the present Lake level at \$10,000. The damage to the planting cannot be repaired before another year, the expense of this will add about \$2,000 more to the damage thus caused by the elements.

COMO PARK.

The chief improvement consisted of the erection of a new Pavillion. The construction is of reinforced concrete. The Building consists practically of two sections, one used as a Restaurant with two floors, and the other a large covered Auditorium with a large seating capacity and ample space for promenading. The Basement affords ample room for Boat storage and warming rooms for skaters. The cost of construction was \$38,794.00. This desirable and so much needed improvement affords ample facilities to the public need for all time to come. It should have been constructed years ago, but the Board was without the needed funds to devote to it. During the year 1905 the City and the Street Railway Company made a settlement on the franchise question and under one of the conditions imposed, was a payment of \$30,000 to the City, to be used for either, Sibley Street widening or for a new Pavillion Building; this left the disposition of the money under the discretion of the City Council and through the able concise presentation of the facts and needs of the Board, by Commissioner Hamm, the Council turned the money over to the Board for this purpose. Thus the Board was helped out of a vexatious position, as the old Building was to much dilapidated for further use and would have to be torn down anyway. The Board would have been without the means for taking care of the large crowd of Park visitors and the Park concerts would have to be abandoned.

At the completion of the new pavillion the Superintendent had surplus material on hand and the Board authorized him to build a pergola opposite and across the concourse from the Pavillion, this vine covered promenade with its monolithic pillars and the densely foliaged background, gives a radiant finish to the prominent Building and surrounding of the Pavillion.

THE CHARTER AMENDMENT AND THE PARK SYSTEM.

During the last election the Board had two Amendments before the Citizens for adoption, one was to fix the limit of expenditure to an equivalent of one mill on the Dollar of the taxable property of the City; by this amendment the Board hoped to have its income fixed on a more equitable basis for a long time to come, but the amendment was not accepted. The present fixed amount of \$90,000 is wholly inadequate for the work on hand. the maintenance expense under the most economical restriction requires \$61,000 which leaves a balance of only \$29,000 for improvement and unforeseen repair work. The present area of improved parks and parkways is 1255 acres and 197 acres of newly acquired and unimproved park lands, making a total of 1425 acres, with 25 miles of driveways to take care of. The other amendment which was submitted and also rejected by the voters related to the planting, care and supervision of trees on City Streets. This amendment would not have placed a burden upon anybody except the Park Board, as the Board would have taken under its care and management the Street trees only upon petition of abutting property owners. This work for years to come would have proven to be an expense to the Board as under the limited charge for the work provided for in the amendment, the Board would not have been in a position to receive actual cost for its labor, until such time as the work would have spread over a large enough territory to justify the employment of an exclusive crew. This amendment to the Charter will not again be submitted to the voters at the instigation of the Park Commission. If the Citizens think it desirable to have the Street trees taken care of, they themselves should show enough interest in it, at least to the extent of assisting the Park Commission to accomplish the needed preliminary provision in the Charter.

H. W. TOPPING, President.

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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

To the Honorable, the Board of Park Commissioners.

MR. H. W. TOPPING, PRESIDENT.

SIR:

The most important work accomplished during the past season was the finishing of the Roadgrading of Lexington Parkway and the building of the new Pavillion at Como Park, both of these improvements were of special importance, because they were secured after many years of unsuccessful attempts. The Pavillion Building 120x180 feet in size, constructed of concrete and iron at a cost of \$38,794.12 will admirably serve the purpose for which it is intended for all time to come.

LEXINGTON PARKWAY.

After years of efforts in acquiring the needed land for widening this uptown approach to Como Park and the long delay in adjusting the tangle of street car track removal from a portion of the Avenue, which delayed this improvement long beyond the time of its actual need, the work of the roadway grading is now complete for almost the entire distance from Summit Boulevard to Como Park. The side lawn grading and tree planting will be commenced next spring. The expenditures were for Labor and Team work \$2,946.13, Steam roller \$40.00, Culverts \$284.75. Total \$3,270.88.

COMO PARK.

Owing to excessive rains the Lake level raised $22\frac{1}{2}$ inches above its normal stage, causing a great loss to shore planting and a large expense by the required filling of the shore drives, to keep it above the water level. The repair to roads and walks and the taking up of over a mile of watermains on account of high water and which must be relaid on higher grade, swelled the unforeseen expense account to such proportion, that

little else could be accomplished in improvements at this park. The cost of these repairs and the filling at the newly constructed Pavillion, required by the readjusted grade of the Roadway and plaza, amounted to \$5,702.99.

With the proposed improvement on the Lexington parkway approach to the Park, consisting of an ornamental Bridge at the Northern Pacific Ry. crossing and forming the gateway of this dignified approach to the Park, must follow the immediate improvement of the southwest eighty acres. This beautiful section of the Park, heretofore isolated and neglected chiefly on account of the location of the Workhouse on this tract and because the Public could not reach it through any convenient and improved pleasure drive, is now brought into prominence and the stream of people using Lexington Parkway as a pleasure way for reaching the Park should not be deprived of the use of Park grounds on account of a misplaced penal institution.

THE PARK PLAYGROUND.

The tract of land, comprising eleven acres, which was set aside as a Playground for the Public, is still waiting for available funds for its improvements. This Playground should be considered as one of the principal equipments for this large Park. Its purpose is larger than those supplied by the Children's Playgrounds of the City in as much as it would benefit all ages and all classes.

BAND CONCERTS.

During the past season the Concerts, sixty-six in number given by the Frank Danz concert band, were especially well patronized. The concert season started July 1st and ended August 25th.

BOATING ON PARK WATERS.

The fleet of Rowboats, 283 in number, is often taxed to its limit and more often proved inadequate on Sundays and Holidays; 108,600 people took pleasure rides in Rowboats and 20,248 on the Gasoline Launch. There was no accident marring the enjoyment of the people.

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A GARDEN OF JAPAN AT COMO PARK.

AUTOMOBILE SERVICE.

The inauguration of this service has certainly proven very popular and afforded the public a chance to see the park in all its different characters. A great many of our home people, for the first time, found out the extent, diversity, beauties and attractive rural scenery contained in Como Park, and to the visiting strangers it is a valuable guide taking him through and past all noted points and places of interest in the shortest time possible. I would recommend to extend the Automobile service so that it would embrace the Riverside Park with its five miles of exquisite scenery. 9,918 passengers were carried the past season.

JAPANESE GARDEN.

The high stage of water in the Lake has overflowed the lower ground improvements and considerable damage was done to the shore planting, the low areas and the small peninsulas connected by the Bridge must be raised to a higher grade as soon as funds are available.

PHALEN PARK.

Including the proposed waterway acquisition between Phalen and Lake Gervais, will be the largest Park in possession of the City; its land and water area is 606 acres. The extension of the driveway around Lake Gervais will add another 50 acres of land. Besides being the largest it is one of the most beautiful of our parks; its native woodland growth of trees and the expanded, sparkling water surface of its Lakes unite all elements of natural attraction to satisfy all requirements of a successful recreative pleasure ground. The Bridge, built over the Island Canal, is the only improvement of note accomplished during the past season. The grading of the shore drive, while very much desirable, can not be carried on, until the upper Bridge over the main creek is built, the construction of which is so closely related to the Canal improvement between the two Lakes, that it cannot be considered until the Board is in control of the entire strip of land needed.

BATHING IN LAKE PHALEN.

The popular demand for bathing facilities have contrary to expectation not been realized, but it is hoped that in the very near future the Board of Water Commissioners will be in a position to abandon the Lake as a water supply and turn it over for use of public recreation.

AMUSEMENT PRIVILEGE.

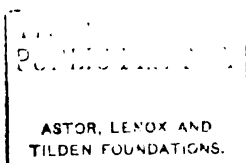
The Island, set aside for this feature, if it could be properly equipped and adorned with structures and buildings, suitable and adequate for the purpose, would prove to be an important attraction to all classes of park visitors. But the lack of sufficient capital invested for suitable Buildings and the settling of the newly made ground, which prevents permanent ground improvement on the Island, together with the inability of the Board to grant the bathing privilege to the lessee, reducing materially the receipts of calculated revenue, preventing many contemplated improvements of the amusement features.

INDIAN MOUNDS PARK.

Improvements consisted mainly of constructing the Hoffman Ave. approach. Two thousand five hundred and eighty cubic yards of earth were moved. The work was interrupted on account of scarcity of teams. The Park was kept in very good condition. It would be desirable to improve the surface of the slopes and banks and do the long delayed planting along the Fish hatchery drive ravines and sidehills.

RIVERSIDE PARK.

A large amount of damage, caused by washouts, owing to severe rain storms, increased the expense of maintenance to such an extent, that contemplated improvements in other directions could not be made. Three culverts and fills in the roadway and two Bridges had to be repaired at an expense of nearly \$800, which caused a heavy drain on our funds, unexpected and unforeseen. The large ravine bridge, just south of Summit Blvd. which in the first instance was of temporary construction, only





COZY LAKE DRIVEWAY, AT COMO PARK.

calculated to carry our teams etc. over the deep ravine while the construction work of the roadway was going on, had to carry the general traffic of this roadway ever since, and it is no longer able to sustain it, especially not the heavy Automobiles, which in steadily increasing numbers use this pleasure drive. I would recommend the early construction of a stone or concrete Arch Bridge of such a design, as is fitting for its sylvan setting.

THE WESTSIDE BLUFF BOULEVARD.

Its enlargement consisted of some fifteen acres, a donation to the City of exceptional value made by one of our most esteemed Citizens, Mr. J. J. Hill. It is to be hoped that the preservation of the River bank can be eventually extended to Mendota, so that the panoramic scenery in all its native wildness of foliage, may be handed down to posterity unspoiled and intact. The funds set aside for the past season's work of grading and other improvements on that portion of the west side Boulevard between Ohio Street and the High Bridge, could not be so used, owing to the heavy unforeseen expense account, which depleted many other funds that were set aside for certain contemplated work.

SHADOW FALLS PARK.

Nineteen acres, consisting of a beautiful wooded ravine and its Banks, encircled by a driveway, which forms a portion of the River Boulevard, was improved by opening vistas to extended river views. The Falls could be materially improved by the construction of a basin at the head of the ravine, by this means the waters could be utilized to supplying the falls with a uniform stream of water during the season and also by piping it down to a lower level, it could be used for filling Sprinkling wagons and drinking fountains.

CARPENTER PARK

Or, as the name lately changed by resolution of the Board, "Summit Outlook," is owing to its prominent location on one of the finest residence Streets in the Country (Summit Ave.), a unique feature in our park system; its concourse drive affords to people in vehicles an expanded

view of the picturesque panorama of the river valley and the terraced heights of the scenic Country Landscape beyond. It would prove to be of an immense value to future St. Paul's civic beauty, if the block of land just south of and adjoining Ramsey Street could be acquired as an enlargement of this favorite Lookout. The two properties could be connected by means of a broad ornamental Bridge over Ramsey Street, giving a semi-circular driveway of some 500 feet on the crest of this prominent elevation.

THE SMALL PARKS.

Fifty-one in number and ranging from ten acres down to one-tenth of an acre and comprising a total of 64.08 acres, should receive attention, all of them should receive a top dressing and some are in need of returfing. The settees should be renewed and additional ones supplied. The seats in Rice Park were renewed during the past season at a cost of only \$97.15 Irvine, Lafayette, Central and Summit Park are very much in need of new settees and an effort should be made to have this done.

FLORAL DECORATION.

The capacity of the propagating houses is the only limit set to the floral decoration in our parks, the extent of the latter is controlled by the capacity of the former. The persistent demand for more flower beds by Citizens, living in close proximity of Neighborhood Parks all over the City can not be granted until the Greenhouse capacity is enlarged. The immediate need of a large Palm and show house is emphasized by the fact, that large and valuable plants cannot be housed. Our experience has been that palms and other plants, when they reach a large size in growth and become most valuable, cannot be housed on account of lack of proper space and must be abandoned. This is a great loss to the Department and should be remedied in the near future. The following is a list of plants used for decorating the parks the past season:

Central Park	2,060
Courthouse Square	3,100
Lafayette Park	1,215
Crocus Hill Park	265

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Oakland Park	110
Public bath entrance	1,300
Alice Park	265
Hamm's Park	150
Fifth Street east	75
Merriam Terrace Park	1,450
Hampden Park	1,310
Langford Park	2,325
Summit Park	215
Lewis Park	370
Fair Grounds	2,425
Fire Department	350
Como Park	94,964
Rice Park	2,220
Smith Park	810
Carpenter Park	715
Holcomb Park	280
Irvine Park	2,635
Terrace Park	155
Indian Mounds Park	580
Fountain Street	570
Forest Street Triangle.....	90
Lake Iris Park	1,475
Commonwealth Park	250
Alden Square	150
Park Place	225
Public Baths (Harriet Island)	3,690
Water Board	1,240
School Board	1,200
Miscellaneous	7,090
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Total	135,324

NURSERY

About 40,000 of the most leading varieties of trees and shrubs are standing in Nursery rows. The following is a list of trees and shrubs taken out of the Nursery and transplanted at the following places:

COMO PARK.

Jack Pine	8
Silver Poplar	1
Colorado Spruce	6
Snowballs	2
Juniperus	5
Salisburia	10
Cerasus Canadensis	2
Willows	1
Birch trees	15
Elms	12
Red Cedar	18
Large Elms	3
Honeysuckles	3
Spiraea	2
Cerasus Japonica	10
Flowering Almond	20
Barberry	280
Ligustrum	10
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Total planted at Como	408

INDIAN MOUNDS PARK.

Elms	50
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PHALEN PARK.

Elms	20
Red Willows	138
Ash	27

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Dogwood (native)	188
Total	323
Elm seedlings	1,987

PUBLIC BATH APPROACH.

Lilacs	44
Box Elders	4
Golden Willows	10
Golden Philadelphus	41
Total	99

HARRIET ISLAND.

Box Elders	150
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HAMLIN UNIVERSITY.

Elms	58
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PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Elms	18
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COUNTY JAIL GROUND.

Elms (large)	3
Honeysuckles	3
Lilacs	4
Snowballs	3
Total	13

MISCELLANEOUS.

Hard Maple	1
Syringa	1
Catalpa	12
Honeysuckles	14
Horse Chestnuts	4
Snowballs	5
Crimson Rambler Rose	1
Golden Philadelphus	1

Lilacs	22
Lindens	3
Phlox	4
Hydrangea	3
Box Elder	6
Barberry	2
Elms	27
Total	117

REPLANTED ON LINCOLN AVENUE.

Between Avon and Lexington Avenues—

Elms	31
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TAKEN FROM NURSERY.

Elms	219
Lindens	3
Honeysuckles	17
Horse Chestnuts	4
Snowballs	10
Golden Philadelphus	43
Golden Willows	10
Jack Pine	8
Ash	12
Hard Maple	1
Catalpa	12
Hydrangea	3
Box Elder	6
Barberry	2
Lilacs	70
Red Cedar	18
Spirea	2
Total	440

ADDITION TO NURSERY.

Acer ginala (seedlings)	100
Russian Olives "	100
Cherry Willows "	50

Barberries	120
Highbush cranberry (seedlings)	100
Norway Poplar (seedlings)	50
Alpine Currants	100
Total	580

DEPARTMENT OF TEAMS AND VEHICLES.

The total number of days worked by teams was 1,508.1

Earned by teams	\$6,032.40
Expense of keeping	5,575.82
Net	\$456.58
Value of horses	\$1,875.00
Depreciation on horses	93.75
Value of equipment	10,471.00
Depreciation of equipment	104.71

BLACKSMITHING.

Earnings of blacksmith	\$967.05
Expenditure	707.33
Net	\$259.72

PUMPING STATION AND HEATING PLANT.

Number of gallons of water pumped in tank	28,169,952	
Coals consumed for pumping water	317,367 lbs	\$720.94
Coals consumed for heating purposes	765,703 lbs	1,372.07
Total	1,083,070 lbs	\$2,453.48

GRASS CUTTING ON CITY STREETS.

Upon petition of the property owners on residence streets, the board has now 29.7 miles of street lawns under its charge and control. The cost per lineal foot is limited to two cents, collected by assessment on the abutting property. The following street lawns were kept in condition:

	Feet
Iglehart Street from Farrington to Lexington.....	15,255
Summit Avenue from Dale to Lexington.....	9,384
Portland Avenue from Dale to Victoria.....	4,793
Summit Avenue from Wabasha to Dale Street.....	2,035
Portland Avenue from Western to Dale.....	396
Western Avenue from Summit to Carroll	508
Eurr Street from Collins to Magnolia.....	8,094
Aurora Avenue from Rice to Dale.....	9,466
Marion Street from Fuller to Charles.....	1,996
St. Peter Street from Aurora to Central.....	1,120
Hall Avenue from Isabel to Prospect Terrace.....	1,385
Hague Avenue from Dale to Victoria.....	4,660
Laurel Avenue from Dale to Chatsworth.....	6,857
Portland Avenue from Victoria to Oxford.....	3,333
Grand Avenue from Avon to Victoria.....	1,204
Grand Avenue from Floral to Grotto.....	4,085
Lincoln Avenue from Oakland to Victoria.....	6,396
Avon Street from Summit to Osceola.....	3,200
Goodrich Avenue from Dale to Victoria.....	4,811
Osceola Avenue from Pleasant to Victoria.....	4,271
Fairmont Avenue from Dale to Victoria.....	4,739
Holly Avenue from Dale to Victoria.....	4,803
Ashland Avenue from Dale to Victoria.....	4,800
Marshall Avenue from Cleveland to Wheeler.....	5,662
Dayton Avenue from Dewey to Howell.....	1,000
Dewey Avenue from St. Anthony to University.....	2,064
Feronia Street from Prior to Fairview.....	2,118
Iglehart Street from Cleveland to Wheeler.....	5,350
Carroll Street from Wheeler to Wilder	4,883
Wheeler Avenue from University to Shields.....	989
Carroll Street from Mackubin to Chatsworth.....	9,431
Dewey Avenue from Dayton to Marshall.....	642
Lincoln Avenue from Victoria to Oxford.....	3,594
Central Avenue from Cedar to Robert.....	645
Grotto Street from Grand to Selby.....	3,686
Milton Street from Fairmount to Summit.....	2,600

Goodrich Avenue from Chatsworth to Victoria.....	2,374
St. Albans Street from Fairmount to Summit.....	2,600
Capitol Avenue from University to Como.....	1,800
Total.....	157,029 ft.—29.7 miles.

PARK PLAYGROUNDS.

It would be highly desirable that the plans for the Park Playgrounds, approved by the Board last year, be carried out. The, each year, more increasing number of Park visitors, who make it a practice to stay in the Park all day should be given all legitimate privileges and opportunities for exercise, recreation and amusement. These features have proven to be great attractions and of immense value to the Parks of other cities. They supply a need different and distinct from the children's playgrounds in the heart of the city. The young men and women enjoy exercises on the gymnastic apparatus every bit as much as do the small children on the City Playgrounds; the proposed swimming pools and showerbaths in connection with this Playground would surely receive a large patronage. The necessary grading of the twelve acres of ground and the installing of the apparatus would cost \$6,000, the Buildings as planned would cost \$15,000.

A TWIN CITY PARK.

One of the most important improvements during the past season was the completion of the condemnation of all the land needed for the River Boulevard from the North City Limits to Marshall Avenue and from Randolph Street to Fort Snelling bridge. Thus the river banks on both sides of the river are now secured, as Minneapolis has not only secured the whole distance from Riverside Park, on the north, to Minnehaha Park on the south, but has also made the entire distance available for pleasure driving, while some three miles of the driveway on our side is still unfinished. The unparalleled panoramic river scenery for a distance of five miles, included in this Park reservation, has linked the east and west bank together with a harmony of such commanding forces, that the whole must be considered as one great Park of equal interest to both Cities. Therefore, if in the course of time necessity dictates artificial

improvements of any kind, such concerted action may prove beneficial, especially so, when future Bridge construction will be undertaken by the Cities. Such construction should be agreeable to the dictation of the Landscape as a whole, as the east river bank furnishes the scenery for the west river bank and *vice versa*. It would be highly advisable and may prove beneficial for the two Park Departments, to get together in the establishing of a parkway by a somewhat direct line between the business centers of the two Cities.

CAPITOL APPROACH.

On account of financial inability this work is beyond the scope of possibilities for the Park Board to undertake. Although of paramount importance to the City park and parkway system and general plan of city street ornamentation, in which work the Board is vitally interested, the Capitol Approach acquisition was wisely left to a citizens' commission to find ways and means for an effective scheme to finance the undertaking and if a successful consummation should crown their hard labor, the reward will be the thanks of an appreciative community for bringing about a successful plan for illuminating the Capitol with a splendor of civic beauty, reflecting credit upon the State at large. The improvement of this approach, if carried out by the Board of Park Commissioners, must be provided for out of special funds, as it should not be made a charge upon the Park fund, provided by present taxation.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS.

It needs to be emphatically urged (for a reverse impression is too much in evidence) that the instructors of play of the children on the playgrounds must be persons conscious of their duty. They should be trainers of moral characters, entirely reliable and prompt in their duties, to teach discipline and enlarge on the sense of good citizenship, upon the mind of the children by being themselves punctual. This will only be possible when the instructor takes special interest in the work in which he is engaged (under contract) and keeps the playground open at regular hours, strictly attending to his duties. Thus serving the intended purpose of the City playgrounds in an efficient manner, commensurate with its ex-

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ASTOR, LENOX AND
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS.



CITY RAILWAY STATION AND VIADUCT COMO PARK.

pense account and in justice to its promoters and expectation of beneficial results to the children.

The city playgrounds contain 7.97 acres as follows: Como avenue 3.10 acres; Arlington Hills 1.95 acres and Bay Street 2.92 acres.

The report of the Chairman, Supervisor and the Financial report is hereby submitted:

PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1905.....	\$2,599.35	
Annual appropriation	10,000.00	
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		\$12,599.35

EXPENDITURE.

Payrolls	\$4,042.64	
Playground equipment	642.06	
Supplies	486.55	
Water and sewer connection	324.03	
Purchase of land	3,200.00	
Balance	3904.07	
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		\$12,599.35

RECOMMENDATIONS

The most imperative need of St. Paul's system is the acquisition and improvement of Parkways. A suitable parkway connection of our otherwise well balanced park system has been mapped out for years back. The only drawback of a successful consummation of the plans has been a deficiency of adequate funds to carry them out. While a cursory estimate of this proposed improvement cannot do justice to the future need of a great and growing City, it will give an idea of the, at present, most pressing details of the work. The three miles of the Mississippi Driveway grading, for which all the land is acquired, will cost \$20,000. The completion of Lexington Avenue \$15,000. Connection between Como Park and the River Boulevard by way of Raymond Avenue \$80,000. Connection between Como Park and State Capitol on Como Avenue \$35,000. Connection between Como Park and Phalen Park, 180 feet wide, \$125,000. A total of \$275,000. This does not cover the whole contemplated Boulevard system, as mapped out by the Board, its intention is to include in its Parkway ornamentation of the City, the acquisition of the west side River bank, if possible to Mendota, and also extend the River drive from the Fort Snelling Bridge north-easterly into the City and Lexington Parkway from Summit Avenue south to the River below the Fort Snelling Bridge. A fair sized Park should also be located on the predominating heights on what is called Summit Avenue south. The seventh, fifth and eleventh ward are destitute of Park grounds and this location would best serve this large district.

It is perhaps useless to make any mention of the needs of the Park Department for Park improvements on the older parks, everybody knows that the work is only begun, except the small inside Parks. There is none that is completed. Como Park, one of the oldest of our large Parks needs a large amount of money to bring it into a condition such as is expected by the Park Board, that it should be when finally finished. But the Board is willing to make the improvements gradually, if the funds are so provided. It, however, cannot submit, without protest, to an inadequate allowance and which is not commensurate with the growing needs of the City.

MAINTENANCE.

Administration and general expenditure.....	6,800.55	
		<hr/> \$6,800.55

GREENHOUSE.

General Greenhouse work.....	3,023.29	
Hauling material.....	52.80	
Greenhouse repair.....	136.37	
Plants, Seed, etc.....	93.90	
Fertilizer	4.98	
Flower pots including freight	108.18	
		<hr/> \$3,419.52

HORSES, WAGONS AND BLACKSMITHING.

General Work	2,136.32	
Purchase of feed.....	1,662.62	
Medical attendance to horse and medicine.....	35.43	
Wagon gear, sled runners and repairs.....	95.50	
Harness and repairs.....	39.04	
Insurance, Barn, Horses and Wagons.....	168.00	
Blacksmith's wages	578.12	
Blacksmith's Supplies	129.21	
		<hr/> \$4,844.24

NURSERY.

Cleaning and transplanting trees and shrubs.....	217.99	
		<hr/> \$217.99

TOOLS AND SUPPLIES.

Purchase of tools and miscellaneous supplies.....	341.01	
Stock of second hand lumber.....	2,235.01	
		<hr/> \$2,576.02

COMO PARK.**PUMPING STATION AND HEATING.**

Engineers	1,079.70	
2 Firemen.....	1,258.77	
Purchase of coals.....	2,453.48	
Hauling and storing coal.....	319.69	

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Steam pump.....	56.00	
Cil, Waste, Belting etc.	98.72	
Second hand lumber for platform.....	9.96	
		<hr/> \$5,275.32

BOATS AND BOAT DOCK.

Boat repair.....	294.21	
Dock repair.....	39.75	
Boatmen	803.95	
Oars, Oarlocks, etc.....	72.05	
Insurance on Boats.....	49.30	
		<hr/> \$1,259.26

SIGHTSEEING CAR.

Engineer and Conductor.....	473.15	
Gasoline	108.15	
New Tires.....	133.50	
Oil, etc.....	67.24	
		<hr/> \$782.04

AUTOMOBILE.

Gasoline	105.93	
Oil, etc.....	39.23	
Inner Tubes, Batteries, Spark Plugs.....	50.35	
Miscellaneous Supplies.....	11.95	
		<hr/> \$207.46

COMFORT STATION.

Matrons	262.56	
Disinfectant, toilet paper and soap.....	55.95	
		<hr/> \$318.51

CONCERTS.

Concerts at Como Park	5,915.00	
		<hr/> \$5,915.00

WATER WORKS.

Repairs	311.96	
Pipes and fittings	195.65	
Hose for stand pipes, tools, etc.....	53.19	
	<hr/>	\$560.80

PICNIC GROUNDS.

Custodian	115.65	
Purchase of water boiler.....	1.10	
	<hr/>	\$116.75

PLAYGROUNDS.

Matron	135.65	
Swing Repairs.....	18.82	
	<hr/>	\$154.47

ANIMALS.

Keepers wages.....	318.66	
Cleaning pasture and repairing fence.....	19.60	
Purchase of feed.....	81.41	
	<hr/>	\$419.67

SKATING RINK AND RACE TRACK.

Building Warming Rooms.....	38.83	
Cleaning Ice.....	77.18	
	<hr/>	\$116.01

JAPANESE GARDEN.

Cutting grass and Sprinkling	134.85	
	<hr/>	\$134.85

FLORAL DISPLAY.

Planting, cleaning, watering flowers.....	566.11	
	<hr/>	\$566.11

ROADS AND WALKS.

Cleaning roads and walks.....	225.71	
Sprinkling roads.....	147.42	
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		\$373.13

LAWNS.

Cutting, raking and sprinkling lawns.....	3,281.41	
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		\$3,281.41

TREES AND SHRUBS.

Covering and uncovering shrubs.....	136.56	
Mulching and watering trees.....	91.85	
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		\$228.41

MISCELLANEOUS WORK.

Cleaning park.....	1,824.92	
Fence repairs.....	106.49	
Piling lumber.....	136.71	
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		\$2,068.12

POLICE FORCE.

Park police and watchman.....	4,377.30	
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		\$4,377.30

PHALEN PARK.

BOATS.

Boat repairs.....	221.15	
Boatmen	604.85	
Oars, oarlocks, etc.....	82.24	
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		\$908.24

LAUNCH.

Launch repairs.....	73.98	
Engineer and pilot.....	331.80	
Gasoline	106.71	
Oil, Batteries, etc.....	60.36	
Insurance	67.50	
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		\$640.35

WATERWORKS.

Pumping water.....	94.15	
Gasoline	37.58	
	<hr/>	\$131.73

COMFORT STATION.

Matron	131.28	
Furniture and toilet paper.....	31.60	
Cleaning cesspool.....	217.50	
	<hr/>	\$380.38

PAVILION.

Insurance	487.50	
	<hr/>	\$487.50

GENERAL WORK.

Cutting, raking, sprinkling grass.....	675.65	
Cleaning park.....	426.79	
Sprinkling roads.....	25.87	
Shearing sheep.....	12.55	
	<hr/>	\$1,140.86

POLICE FORCE.

Park police and policemen.....	1,945.17	
	<hr/>	\$1,945.17

INDIAN MOUNDS PARK.**GENERAL WORK.**

Cutting, raking and sprinkling grass.....	917.93	
Waterworks repairs.....	5.90	
Tool repairs.....	9.20	
	<hr/>	\$933.03

POLICE FORCE.

Park police and watchman.....	644.87	
	<hr/>	\$644.87

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BOULEVARDS.

SUMMIT BOULEVARD.

Cutting grass.....	997.46	
Waterworks repairs.....	5.90	
Watchman	54.25	
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		\$1,057.61

COMO BOULEVARD.

Cutting grass.....	160.44	
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		\$160.44

LEXINGTON BOULEVARD.

Sprinkling roads.....	16.50	
Watchman	356.12	
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		\$372.62

RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD.

Police and Watchman.....	329.25	
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		\$329.25

CITY PARKS.

Rice Park, Custodian.....	399.87
Lafayette Park, Custodian.....	214.71
Smith Park, Custodian.....	223.65
Central Park, Custodian.....	392.32
Summit Park, Custodian.....	149.65
Park Place, Custodian.....	74.82
Summit Outlook, Custodian.....	146.42
Holcombe Park, Custodian.....	73.20
Oakland Park, Custodian.....	327.02
Irvine Park, Custodian.....	162.85
Lewis Park, Custodian.....	92.18
Lyden Place, Custodian.....	92.17
Langford Park, Custodian and bridge repair.....	404.56
Commonwealth Park, Custodian.....	212.78
Hampden Park, Custodian.....	207.56
Lake Iris Park, Custodian.....	129.49

Merriam Terrace Park, Custodian.....	388.39	
Alice Park, Custodian.....	72.76	
Terrace Park, Custodian.....	72.76	
Public Bath Approach, Custodian and fountain repairs	157.13	
Hamm Park, cutting grass.....	29.70	
Cherokee Heights Park, cutting weeds.....	34.48	
Como Avenue cutting weeds.....	6.70	
Planting flowers, cleaning, etc.....	255.41	
Park Police and Watchmen.....	674.25	
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		\$4,994.83

CITY STREETS.

Cutting grass.....	2,359.22	
Abstracting assessment.....	176.50	
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		\$2,535.72

OUTSIDE WORK.

Planting and trimming trees.....	210.84	
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		\$210.84

Total Maintenance	\$60,887.38
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BETTERMENTS.**COMO PARK.**

Buildings repaired	2,159.04	
Lake shore and road repair.....	5,237.27	
Lawns, trees and shrubs.....	1,586.54	
Taking up water pipes around lake.....	465.72	
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		\$9,448.57

PHALEN PARK.

Lake shore and road repair.....	664.50	
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		\$646.50

INDIAN MOUNDS PARK.

Road repair.....	376.61	
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		\$376.61

REPORT OF BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS,

RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD.

Road and Bridge repair	554.25	
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LEXINGTON BOULEVARD.

Road repair.....	22.87	
	<hr/>	\$22.87

COMO BOULEVARD.

Road and Lawn repair, tree trimming.....	442.67	
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MIDWAY PARKWAY.

Road repair.....	142.40	
	<hr/>	\$142.40

CITY PARKS.

Tree trimming.....	56.54	
	<hr/>	\$56.54

Total Betterments		\$11,690.41
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IMPROVEMENTS.

GENERAL EXPENDITURE.

Purchase of Automobile.....	2,302.00	
Purchase of Shrubs.....	121.42	
	<hr/>	\$2,423.42

COMO PARK.

PAVILION (Construction).

Iron, Roof and Cornice Construction	19,350.00
Construction of walls (labor).....	6,832.12
Metal floor reinforcement	2,350.00
Electric Light conduit.....	525.00

Cement	5,396.40	
Hollow Bricks and Flue lining.....	147.60	
Nails	23.35	
		<hr/> \$34,624.47

PAVILION (Miscellaneous Expenditure).

To Architect for professional service.....	1,140.00	
Forms for Columns	420.00	
Counter for Pavillion.....	300.00	
		<hr/> \$1,860.00

PERGOLA.

Construction	551.87	
Cement	403.70	
Capitals	122.00	
Paint	44.55	
Lumber	213.60	
		<hr/> \$1,335.72

SIGHT SEEING CAR.

Purchase, including freight of Sightseeing Car.....	3,135.35	
		<hr/> \$3,135.35

AUTOMOBILE SHED.

Construction	141.83	
Lumber (second hand).....	288.70	
Nails	9.35	
		<hr/> \$439.88

TILES.

Mould	14.00	
Lumber for forms.....	50.40	
Cement	90.00	
Manufacturing tiles.....	221.92	
		<hr/> \$376.32

REPORT OF BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS,

BOATS.

Purchase of 25 new Boats.....	700.00	
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ANIMALS.

Building shelterhouse for animals.....	41.30	
	<hr/>	\$41.30
Total Improvement Como.....		\$42,513.04

PHALEN PARK.

BOATS.

Purchase of 25 new Boats.....	700.00	
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WAGON BRIDGE.

Bridge construction.....	4,521.40	
Grading and sodding approaches.....	412.11	
	<hr/>	\$4,933.51

WATERWORKS.

Laying pipe.....	32.03	
Pipes and fittings.....	127.74	
	<hr/>	\$159.77

COMFORT STATION.

Constructing Cesspool	89.85	
Purchase of Pipes.....	177.40	
Purchase of Centrifugal pump.....	49.50	
	<hr/>	\$316.75

VIADUCT.

Excavating and construction.....	496.17	
Lumber (second hand).....	176.04	
Nails	9.35	
	<hr/>	\$681.56

SHEEP PASTURE.

Building fence and grading ground.....	110.77	
Fence wire and staples.....	90.80	
Building Sheep barn.....	360.85	
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		\$562.42

GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Grading road.....	340.28	
Grading Lake shore.....	156.16	
Grading and sodding lawns.....	28.74	
Grading on Island.....	159.70	
Planting trees and shrubs.....	315.26	
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		\$1,000.14
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Total Improvement Phalen.....		\$8,354.15

INDIAN MOUNDS PARK.**GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS.**

Grading Hoffman Ave. approach.....	1,256.28	
Planting Trees.....	87.86	
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		1344.14

LEXINGTON BOULEVARD.

Screening gravel	556.95	
Grading Road	2,416.18	
Applying westrumite.....	7.50	
Purchase of westrumite	675.00	
Lumber for culverts.....	284.75	
Wire netting for gravel screens.....	13.00	
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		\$3,953.38

PHALEN-GERVAIS CANAL.

Expense of County Surveyor.....	24.00	
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		\$24.00

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COMO AVE.

Recording plats of condemned Land.....	1.00	
	<hr/>	\$1.00

RICE PARK.

Purchase of Park settees including freight.....	97.15	
	<hr/>	\$97.15

PUBLIC BATH APPROACH.

Planting trees.....	28.62	
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COUNTY JAIL.

Planting trees.....	10.37	
	<hr/>	\$10.37

PUBLIC BATH.

Planting trees.....	9.50	
	<hr/>	\$9.50

Total Improvement		<hr/>
		\$58,758.77

EXPENDITURE FOR EACH PARK.

	Maintenance.	Betterment.	Improvement.	Total
General Expenditure.....	\$17,858.32	.....	\$2,423.42	\$20,281.74
Como Park.....	26,155.62	\$9,448.57	42,513.04	78,117.23
Phalen Park.....	5,634.23	646.50	8,354.15	14,634.88
Indian Mounds Park.....	1,577.90	376.61	1,344.14	3,298.65
Lexington Boulevard.....	372.62	22.87	3,953.38	4,348.87
Riverside Boulevard.....	329.25	554.25	.....	883.50
Rice Park.....	399.87	.....	97.15	497.02
Lafayette Park.....	214.71	.....	.....	214.71
Smith Park.....	223.65	.....	.....	223.65
Central Park.....	392.32	.....	.....	392.32
Summit Park.....	149.65	.....	.....	149.65
Park Place.....	74.82	.....	.....	74.82
Summit Outlook.....	146.42	.....	.....	146.42
Holcombe Park.....	73.20	.....	.....	73.20
Irvine Park.....	162.85	.....	.....	162.85
Oakland Park.....	327.02	.....	.....	327.02
Lewis Park.....	92.18	.....	.....	92.18
Leyden Place.....	92.17	.....	.....	92.17
Langford Park.....	404.56	.....	.....	404.56
Commonwealth Park.....	212.78	.....	.....	212.78
Hampden Park.....	207.56	.....	.....	207.56
Lake Iris Park.....	129.49	.....	.....	129.49
Merriam Terrace Park.....	388.39	.....	.....	388.39
Alice Park.....	72.76	.....	.....	72.76
Terrace Park.....	72.76	.....	.....	72.76
Hamm's Park.....	29.70	.....	.....	29.70
Cherokee Heights Park.....	24.38	.....	.....	34.38
Public Bath Approach.....	157.13	.....	28.62	185.75
Phalen-Gervais Canal.....	.....	.....	24.00	24.00
Como Ave.....	6.70	.....	1.00	7.70
City Parks (General work)	929.66	56.54	.....	986.20
Summit Boulevard.....	1,057.61	.....	.....	1,057.61
Como Boulevard.....	160.44	442.67	.....	603.11
Midway Parway.....	.....	142.40	.....	142.40
Grass cutting on City St....	2,535.72	.....	.....	2,535.72
County Jail Tree Planting.	.....	.....	10.37	10.37
Public Bath Tree Planting.	.....	.....	9.50	9.50
Outside work.....	210.84	.....	.....	210.84
Total	\$60,887.38	\$11,690.41	\$58,758.77	\$131,336.56

TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR EACH MONTH.

January	\$6,246.34
February	6,801.19
March	6,302.96
April	7,264.40
May	17,825.94
June	22,552.21
July	11,706.07
August	20,498.62
September	16,785.17
October	6,369.57
November	5,000.75
December	3,983.34

Total..... \$131,336.56

Detail statement of receipts and expenditures on Boats, Sightseeing Car and Gasoline Launch.

SIGHTSEEING CAR.

Purchase price including freight	\$3,135.35	
Earnings	\$2,479.50	
Maintenance expense.....	782.04	
Net earnings.....		\$1,697.46

BOATS.

New boats purchased (50).....	\$1,400.00	
Total number of boats 283, value	7,075.00	
Boat earnings.....	\$7,997.80	
Maintenance	2,167.50	
Net earnings.....		\$5,830.30

GASOLINE LAUNCH.

Purchase price of launch.....	\$2,600.00	
Earnings	\$1,012.40	
Maintenance	640.35	
Net earnings.....		\$372.05

CASH RECEIVED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT DURING SEASON 1906.

Balance Season 1905.....	\$236.16	
Boat receipts Como.....	5,095.10	
Boat receipts Phalen.....	2,902.70	
Sight Seeing Car.....	2,479.50	
Gasoline Launch Phalen.....	1,012.40	
Pavilion privileges Como.....	2,750.00	
Pavilion privileges Phalen.....	2,000.00	
Pavilion privileges Indian Mounds.....	300.00	
Contribution to music at Como.....	1,000.00	
Use of Roadroller.....	211.80	
Hay sold at Como.....	351.00	
Hay sold at Phalen.....	104.00	
Hay sold at Indian Mounds.....	22.50	
Old Boats sold.....	385.00	
Hull of old Launch sold.....	200.00	
Outside Work.....	214.84	
Ground rent at Phalen.....	15.00	
Ground rent at Indian Mounds.....	60.00	
Boat permit Phalen.....	50.00	
Sale of sheep wool.....	47.05	
Sand sold.....	19.50	
Damage to trees.....	10.00	
Unclaimed laborer's check.....	.82	
Rebate on Insurance.....	59.72	
Sale of trees.....	20.00	
Hauling garbage at Como.....	10.60	
Hauling garbage at Phalen.....	16.25	
Old shed sold.....	10.50	
Sale of Gasoline to Automobiles.....	.74	
Refunding Express charges on wire.....	.50	
Damage to Boat Anchor.....	.45	
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		\$19,586.13
Paid to City Treasurer.....	19,507.13	
Cash on Hand.....	79.00	
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		\$19,586.13

REPORT OF BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS,

NUMBER OF DAYS WORKED, SEASON 1906.

	Foreman, Engineers, Timekeeper, Clerk	Mechanics, Skilled Labor Firemen	Park Police Watchmen	Laborers	Teams	Total
January	160.5	755.4	242.5	395.6	129.0	1,683.0
February	191.8	676.6	244.0	255.2	140.0	1,507.6
March	174.0	747.9	217.0	265.9	162.6	1,567.4
April	174.0	874.9	183.0	565.7	161.5	1,959.1
May	179.0	1,217.0	258.0	1,006.2	180.2	2,840.4
June	268.6	1,781.9	520.5	1,509.9	260.1	4,341.0
July	321.2	1,986.3	818.3	1,506.9	289.2	4,921.9
August	353.0	2,026.7	831.0	1,547.3	294.7	5,052.7
September ...	324.0	1,968.5	840.0	1,483.4	300.7	4,916.6
October	272.0	1,356.9	612.0	652.9	199.8	3,093.6
November	181.0	793.6	186.0	102.1	144.5	1,407.2
December	174.5	754.9	197.0	87.2	135.0	1,348.6
Total.....	2,773.6	14,940.6	5,149.3	9,378.3	2,397.3	34,639.1

Respectfully submitted,

FRED NUSSBAUMER,

Superintendent of Parks.

PARK STATISTICS TO JANUARY 1, 1907

PARKS	Year of Acquisition	COST TO DATE			Area Acres Land	Length of Walks Miles	Length of Driveways Miles	Area Acres Lakes	Length of Cycle Paths Miles
		Land	Constr' ct'n	Total					
IMPROVED PARKS									
Como Park.....	1873-1906	140,733.39	734,125.72	874,859.11	319.34	5.4	10.0	103.75	2.3
Phalen Park.....	1894-1906	76,331.47	80,176.72	156,508.19	239.14	.....	.6	222.04	.....
Indian Mounds Park.....	1893-1906	134,101.50	46,558.05	180,659.55	45.68	1.2	1.6	.....	.....
Summit Outlook.....	1886-90	41,388.00	12,356.91	53,744.91	.46	.09	.....	.....	.....
Central Park.....	1884	Dedicated	16,148.60	16,148.60	2.35	.28	.....	.....	.....
Alice Park.....	1879	Dedicated	3,492.58	3,492.58	.56	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hampden Park.....	1890	No dedic.	7,865.86	7,865.86	3.09	.24	.....	.....	.....
Irvine Park.....	1849	Dedicated	10,621.16	10,621.16	3.58	.2	.....	.....	.....
Lafayette Park.....	1884-5-6	34,688.00	10,219.33	44,907.33	1.01	.2	.....	.....	.....
Lake Iris Park.....	1884-1901	3,291.22	4,310.46	7,601.68	1.9	.11	.....	.....	.....
Langford Park.....	1890	No dedic.	6,493.55	6,493.55	8.7	.5	.....	0.95	.....
Lewis Park.....	1883	Dedicated	2,582.82	2,582.82	.85	.11	.....	.....	.....
Merriam Terrace Park.....	1883	Dedicated	14,417.26	14,417.26	7.14	.6	.....	0.48	.....
Rice Park.....	1849	Dedicated	13,960.02	13,960.02	1.6	.02	.....	.....	.....
Smith Park.....	1849	Dedicated	9,920.86	9,920.86	2.06	.22	.....	.....	.....
Summit Park.....	1883	10,000.00	11,189.21	21,189.21	.79	.11	.....	.....	.....
Commonwealth Park.....	1902	Dedicated	1,025.88	1,025.88	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cherokee Heights Park.....	1903-06	23,818.30	907.92	24,726.22	19.27	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alden Square.....	1890	No dedic.	1,072.85	1,072.85	.28	.....	.....	.....	.....
Holcombe Park.....	1857	Dedicated	3,959.82	3,959.82	.12	.....	.....	.....	.....
Crocus Hill.....	1883-8	Dedicated	2,422.97	2,422.97	.18	.....	.....	.....	.....
La Roy Triangle.....	1885	Dedicated	478.15	478.15	.09	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sunshine Triangle.....	1885	Dedicated	473.15	473.15	.08	.....	.....	.....	.....
Van Slyke Triangle.....	1885	Dedicated	473.15	473.15	.13	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lytton Place.....	1883	Dedicated	502.89	502.89	.32	.....	.....	.....	.....
Park Place.....	1887	Dedicated	1,210.02	1,210.02	.45	.....	.....	.....	.....
Terrace Park.....	1855	Donated	2,109.04	2,109.04	1.25	.06	.....	.....	.....
Point of View.....	1888	Dedicated	623.06	623.06	.39	.....	.....	.....	.....

PARK STATISTICS TO JANUARY 1, 1907, Continued.

PARKS	Year of Acquisition	COST TO DATE			Area Acres Land	Length of Walks Miles	Length of Drive-ways Miles	Area Acres Lakes	Length of Cycle Paths Miles
		Land	Constr'ct'n	Total					
Portland Place.....	1882	Dedicated	714.85	714.85	.16	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olive Street Triangle.....	1872	.....	833.44	833.44	.08	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ramsey Triangle.....	1873-1903	.....	44.20	46.20	.15	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oakland Park.....	1884	Condem'd	760.60	760.60	1.2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hamm Park.....	1904	Dedicated	507.75	507.75	.5	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wheeler Park.....	.....	No dedic.	858.40	858.40	.3	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cromwell Park.....	1890	No dedic.	764.25	764.25	.16	.....	.....	.....	.....
Public Bath Approach.....	.....	.....	751.62	751.62	2.2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Summit Boulevard.....	1886-1901	1,654.25	111,160.32	112,814.57	67.63	.....	.....	.....	2.5
Midway Parkway.....	1901	Dedicated	9,226.11	9,226.11	12.12	.....	1.5	.....	.....
Riverside Pk & Blvd.....	1903-06	20,907.50	22,139.84	43,047.34	166.71	.....	2	.....	.....
Como Boulevard.....	1899-1903	30,250.00	8,667.89	38,917.89	21.63	.....	1.8	3.6	1.6
Lexington Boulevard.....	1902-05	64,452.10	11,205.85	75,657.95	34.20	.....	2.5	.....	.....
Ferontia Square.....	1884	.....	198.60	198.60	.02	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hampden Square.....	1890	.....	291.40	291.40	.02	.....	.....	.....	.....
Public Playgrounds.....	1904-06	14,300.00	10,997.46	25,297.46	7.97	.....	.....	.....	.....
Forest Street Triangle.....	1902	200.00	.....	200.00	.03	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....		596,117.73	1,178,820.59	1,774,938.32	976.87	12.94	20	327.89	6.4

UNIMPROVED PARKS	Year of Acquisition	Land				Area in Acres			
Stewart Park.....	1885	Dedicated	.....	.....	.....	1.36	.....	.....	.....
Dawson Park.....	1884	Dedicated	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....
Haldean Park.....	1883	Dedicated	.....	.....	.....	1.48	.....	.....	.....
Lockwood Park.....	1883	Dedicated	.....	.....	.....	.73	.....	.....	.....
Lamprey Park.....	1885	Dedicated	.....	.....	.....	4.70	.....	.....	.....
May Park.....	1885	Dedicated	.....	.....	.....	.69	.....	.....	.....
Stinson Park.....	1884	Dedicated	.....	.....	.....	1.23	.....	.....	.....
Tatum Park.....	1885	Dedicated	.....	.....	.....	.61	.....	.....	.....
Webster Park.....	1884	Dedicated	.....	.....	.....	1.26	.....	.....	.....
Clayland Park.....	1885	Dedicated	.....	.....	.....	.83	.....	.....	.....
Hilles Park.....	1885	Dedicated	.....	.....	.....	.60	.....	.....	.....
Skidmore Triangle.....	1884	Dedicated	.....	.....	.....	.39	.....	.....	.....
Foundry Park.....	1883	Dedicated	.....	.....	.....	.95	.....	.....	.....
Fountain Park.....	1886	Dedicated	.....	.....	.....	.42	.....	.....	.....
Cato.....	1885	Dedicated	.....	.....	.....	.19	.....	.....	.....
Walsh Park.....	1884	Dedicated	.....	.....	.....	.78	.....	.....	.....
Crocus Terrace Park.....	1889	Dedicated	.....	.....	.....	1.45	.....	.....	.....
Doris Square.....	1890	Dedicated	.....	.....	.....	.01	.....	.....	.....
Elm Square.....	1890	Dedicated	.....	.....	.....	.11	.....	.....	.....
Gordon Square.....	1886	Dedicated	.....	.....	.....	.07	.....	.....	.....
Kendrick Square.....	1890	Dedicated	.....	.....	.....	.12	.....	.....	.....
Manvil Square.....	1890	Dedicated	.....	.....	.....	.15	.....	.....	.....
Oakley Square.....	1884	Dedicated	.....	.....	.....	.08	.....	.....	.....
Raymond Square.....	1890	Dedicated	.....	.....	.....	.02	.....	.....	.....
Rogers Place.....	1883	Dedicated	.....	.....	.....	8.13	.....	.....	.....
Rondo Square.....	1890	Dedicated	.....	.....	.....	.18	.....	.....	.....
Sidney Square.....	1890	Dedicated	.....	.....	.....	.02	.....	.....	.....
Total acres.....						23.56			

INVENTORY OF MACHINES AND TOOLS.

- 1 3,000,000 gal. Centrifugal Pump.
- 1 2,000,000 gal. Allis High Duty Pump.
- 1 1,000,000 gal. Blake Piston Pump.
- 1 4,800. gal Centrifugal Pump.
- 1 Diaphragm Pump.
- 1 Westinghouse Engine.
- 1 Dynamo.
- 1 Sprague Electric Motor.
- 1 Gasoline Pump.
- 4 Boiler Feeds.
- 3 Steam Boilers.
- 5 Oil Tanks 52 gal. each.
- 1 60 gal. Gasoline Tank.
- 1 Dredge Boat and Machinery.
- 1 Gasoline Launch.
- 283 Row Boats with Oars.
 - 1 Automobile.
 - 1 Sightseeing Car.
- 10 Draft Horses.
 - 2 Driving Horses.
 - 5 Sets Draft Harness.
 - 2 Sets Light Double Harness.
 - 2 Sets Single Harness.
- 12 Horse Blankets.
 - 2 Sets Double Fly Nets.
 - 2 Lap Robes.
- 5 Heavy Wagons.
- 5 Sprinkling Wagons.
- 5 Bob-sleighs.
- 1 Two Seated Carriage.
- 1 Concord Buggy.
- 2 Spring Wagon.
- 2 Hay Mowers.
- 2 Horse Rakes.
- 1 Tree Transplanter.
- 1 Jigger.
- 1 Road Scraper.

- 1 Snow Scraper.
- 2 Road Plows.
- 1 Farm Plow.
- 1 Road Harrow.
- 1 Field Harrow.
- 1 Stone Crusher.
- 1 Steam Roller.
- 1 4-Horse Roller.
- 1 1-Horse Roller.
- 1 Sod Cutter.
- 60 Wheelbarrows.
- 2 Stone Wheelbarrows.
- 7 Steel Wheelbarrows.
- 4 Slushers.
- 1 Small House Derrick.
- 7 Sets Block and Tackle.
- 8 Dump Cars.
- 3,300 Feet Track Rails.
- 44 Lawn Mowers.
- 17 Tool Boxes.
- 3,550 Feet Hose.
- 49 Wire Rakes.
- 43 Wooden Rakes.
- 40 Iron Rakes.
- 23 Spades.
- 2 Longhandled Shovels.
- 91 Shovels.
- 7 Scoop Shovels.
- 7 Snow Shovels.
- 23 Scythes and Handles.
- 9 Sickles.
- 39 Picks.
- 6 Grubhoes.
- 48 Hay Forks.
- 8 Manure Forks.
- 2 Mortar Hoes.
- 6 Axes.
- 6 Claw Hatchets.

- 1 Handsaw.
- 1 Jackplane.
- 1 Drawknife.
- 1 2-Foot Spirit Level.
- 2 Chain Tongs.
- 2 Crosscut Saws.
- 4 Sledge Hammers.
- 6 Crow Bars.
- 4 Gravel Screens.
- 3 Grind Stones.
- 1 Set Engineer's Tools.
- 1 Set Pipelayer's Tools.
- 1 Set Blacksmith's Tools.
- 1 Set Tree Trimmer's Tools.
- 3 Pair Rubber Boots.
- 5 Chains.
- 150 Feet 1½ inch Rope.
- 1 Wire Stretcher.
- 20 Padlocks.
- 6 Lamps.
- 2 Jack Screws.
- 2 Stoves.
- 1 Cement Tile Mold.
- 150 Hotbed Sash.
- 80,000 Flower Pots.
- 2 Air Swings.
- 24 Swings.
- 1 Diebold Safe.
- 1 Typewriter and Desk.
- 1 Roll Top Desk.
- 2 Office Tables.
- 1 Level and Rod.
- 1 Steel Tape Line.
- 3 Watchmen's Clocks.
- 252 Lengths 10-inch Sewer Pipe

75 Granite Monuments.

2 Bales Fence Wire.

460 Feet $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch Water Pipe.

40 Feet 6-inch Sewer Pipe.

40 Feet 12-inch Sewer Pipe.

1,360 Feet $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch Iron Pipe.

1,653 18-inch Cement Tiles.

Stock of Second Hand Lumber.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, February 16th, 1907.

*The Board of Park Commissioners,
St. Paul, Minnesota.*

GENTLEMEN:

I have the honor herewith to submit the Sixteenth Annual Report of my office.

The members of the Board of Park Commissioners, on January 1st, A. D. 1906, were Messrs. Daniel Aberle, Robert O. Earl, M. D., Wm. Hamm, H. W. Topping and J. A. Wheelock.

Mr. R. O. Earl was re-appointed by the Mayor, March 1st, 1906 for the term of five years.

Mr. L. A. Robinson was appointed by the Mayor, May 18th, 1906 for the unexpired term of Mr. J. A. Wheelock deceased.

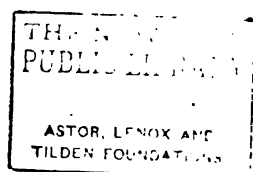
At the annual meeting held March 23d, 1906 the following officers were elected:

President, Joseph A. Wheelock.
Vice-President, Herbert W. Topping.
Superintendent, Fred Nussbaumer.

On January 2nd, 1906, the Board received a communication from the City Comptroller advising them that the sum of \$79,547.75 had been credited to the "Park Fund" from the proceeds of the recent bond issue.

On the same date, the Board adopted resolutions authorizing the President to enter into a contract for the purchase of lots 18 and 19, Block 16, Suburban Hills Addition, for the sum of \$650.00 for the improvement of Hoffman avenue.

On February 5th, 1906, a resolution was adopted approving the compilation of Park Ordinances as submitted by President Wheelock, and ordered the same transmitted to the Common Council for their approval.





BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF COZY LAKE AND GARDEN OF JAPAN AT COMO PARK.

On the same date, a resolution was adopted instructing Superintendent Nussbaumer to make plans and submit estimates for a bridge over the Island Canal on the driveway of Lake Phalen Boulevard.

On February 8th, 1906, the Board adopted final resolutions for the condemnation of land for what is known as "Como Avenue Parkway."

On March 7th, 1906, the Board adopted resolutions for the condemnation of land for what is known as the "Como Park Extension."

On April 5th, 1906, the Board authorized the proper officers to enter into a contract with Jacob Barnet, for the refreshment and program privileges at Como Park, for the sum of \$10,000.00 for three years, ending December 31st, 1908.

On April 16th, 1906, resolutions were adopted authorizing the proper Park Board officers to enter into a contract with Albert Johns for the refreshment privileges at Indian Mounds Park for the term of three years beginning June 1st, 1906.

On the same date the Board adopted resolutions authorizing the proper Park Board officers to enter into a contract with the Northern Pacific Railway Company for the construction of a bridge over the Northern Pacific Railway tracks at Lexington avenue.

On May 7th, 1906, the Board adopted resolutions authorizing the proper Park Board officers to enter into a contract with the St. Paul Foundry Co., for the construction of a bridge over Island Canal at Phalen Park.

On May 8th, 1906, the Board adopted resolutions setting aside various sums for the condemnation of land for different parks and parkways, as follows: Mississippi River Boulevard No. 2, \$16,785.25; Como Park Extension, \$28,125.00; an addition to Phalen Park \$11,313.00; Hoffman Avenue Extension to Indian Mounds Park, \$1,115.00; West Side Boulevard, \$13,000.00.

On May 9th, 1906, the Vice-President called a Special meeting of the Board to pass resolutions on account of the death of President Joseph A. Wheelock. The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Hamm:

"WHEREAS, no more serious or regrettable loss to the members of the Board of Park Commissioners, and to the City of St. Paul and its Park System could have been decreed by inscrutable edict of Providence than the removal by death, of their late associate friend, and for many years President of the Board of Park Commissioners. And

WHEREAS, his sincere devotion and willingness to contribute his time, talent and influence to develop our Park System; his love of labor for all that is beautiful in nature, has made his services most valuable in bringing our Park System into prominence. We most deeply deplore the loss the people of our city and the Park System have sustained by the death of Mr. Joseph A. Wheelock, and hereby testify our appreciation of his work as a man, a citizen and public officer; and we now tender to his family the sincere sympathy of this body. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Board of Park Commissioners give public expression of our appreciation of his excellence as a member of this Board, and his sterling merit as a man and citizen; his unselfish and untiring devotion to the welfare of our Park System, and his long, faithful and fruitful service closely interwoven with every step of its progress and growth, entitle him to our highest esteem and deepest gratitude; and in the years to come, when our Park System he loved so well, shall have reached the development for which he labored so assiduously in life, the name of none associated with this development, shall stand out more brightly, or be more cherished by the friends of the parks, than that of Mr. Joseph A. Wheelock. Be it further

RESOLVED, That we tender to the family of the deceased, expression of our profound sympathy for their bereavement; that arrangements be made for securing a crayon portrait of the deceased to be hung in the Park office, as the property of the Board of Park Commissioners; that these resolutions be made of record in the minutes of the Park Board proceedings, and that an engrossed copy of same be prepared for, and presented to the family of our late esteemed associate.

Adopted by Commissioners Aberle, Earl, Hamm, Mr. Vice-President (Topping)—4. Commissioner Hamm moved that the Park Board attend the funeral of the late President in a body, and that all Park work be suspended during the funeral hours. This resolution was adopted unanimously.

On May 21st, 1906, the Park Board were informed by the Secretary of the appointment by the Mayor, of Mr. Lewis A. Robinson as Park Commissioner for the term ending March 1st, 1908, vice Mr. Joseph A. Wheelock deceased.

On the same date, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Vice-President to enter into a contract with the owners of Block "D" Oliver's Addition to West St. Paul, for the purchase of same for Park purposes.

On June 14th, 1906, the Board adopted resolutions setting aside the sum of \$30,300.00 for the condemnation of lands for what is known as "Como Avenue Park Way."

On June 18th, 1906, the Board adopted resolutions repealing resolutions Nos. 981 and 982, which were final orders for the land to be condemned for the Como Avenue Playgrounds Extension, and the Mississippi River Boulevard North. On the same date new orders were passed for the above condemnations.

On August 20th, 1906, the Board passed resolutions amending the By-Laws whereby any member of the Auditing Committee may act as Chairman of the Committee.

On September 17th, 1906, the Board received a communication from Mrs. Kate F. Wheelock, acknowledging receipt of the engrossed copy of the resolutions adopted by the Park Board on the death of her husband, the late Joseph A. Wheelock.

On November 19th, 1906, the Board adopted resolutions requesting the Common Council to pass an ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$25,000 bonds for the purpose of acquiring land on the east side of Lexington avenue, between the G. N. Right-of-way and Van Slyke avenue.

On December 17th, 1906, a contract was awarded to Mr. John Olson for the construction of a band stand in front of the Como Park Pavillion for the sum of \$6,200.00 and authorized the proper Park Board officers to enter into a contract for same.

On the same date, the Board was advised of the passage of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$25,000.00 bonds for the condemnation of land on Lexington avenue Parkway.

THE CARE OF STREET LAWNS.

The following is an estimate of the cost of cutting and caring for grass on street lawns during the year 1906:

Fairmount avenue from Dale to Victoria Street.....	\$94.78
Osceola Avenue from Pleasant Avenue to Victoria Street.....	85.42
Goodrich Avenue from Dale to Victoria Street.....	96.22
Avon Street from Summit to Osceola Avenue.....	64.00
Lincoln Avenue from Oakland Avenue to Victoria street.....	127.92
Lincoln Avenue from Victoria Street to Oxford Street.....	71.88
Grand Avenue from Floral Street to Groto Street.....	81.70
Grand Avenue from Avon to Victoria Street.....	24.08
Iglehart Street from Lexington Avenue to Farrington.....	305.10
Portland Avenue from Victoria Street to Oxford Street.....	63.46
Laurel Avenue from Dale to Chatsworth Street.....	137.14
Hague Avenue from Dale to Victoria Street.....	93.20
Portland Avenue from Victoria Street to Dale Street.....	95.86
Ashland Avenue from Dale Street to Victoria Street.....	96.00
Holly Avenue from Dale to Victoria Street.....	96.06
Carroll Street from Mackubin Street to Chatsworth Street.....	188.62
Summit Avenue from Dale Street to Lexington Avenue.....	187.68
Aurora Avenue from Rice Street to Dale Street.....	189.48
Marion Street from Fuller Street to Charles Street.....	37.48
St. Peter Street from Central Avenue to Aurora Avenue.....	22.40
Marshall Avenue from Cleveland Avenue to Wheeler Avenue.....	113.24
Iglehart Street from Wheeler to Cleveland Avenue.....	107.00
Dayton Avenue from Dewey Avenue to Howell Avenue.....	20.00
Dewey Avenue from Dayton to Marshall Avenue.....	12.84
St. Albans Street from Summit to Fairmount Avenues.....	12.95
Carroll Street from Wilder to Wheeler Avenue.....	97.66
Grotto Street from Grand Avenue to Selby Avenue.....	33.67
Wheeler Avenue from Shields Avenue to University Avenue.....	19.78
Milton Street from Fairmount Avenue to Summit Avenue.....	24.50
Feronia Avenue from Fairview to Prior Avenue.....	42.36
Goodrich from Victoria Street to Chatsworth Street.....	23.96
Dewey Avenue from St. Anthony Avenue to University Avenue....	41.28
Capitol Boulevard from Victoria to Como.....	18.40
Summit Avenue from Wabasha Street to Dale Street.....	36.28
Western Avenue from Summit Avenue to Carroll Street.....	10.16
Portland Avenue from Western Avenue to Dale Street.....	7.92
Burr Street from Collins Street to Magnolia Street.....	161.88
Hall Avenue from Isabel Street to Prospect Terrace.....	27.70
Central Avenue from Cedar to Robert Street.....	12.90

\$2,982.96

PARK FUND.

JANUARY, 1906.

4106.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll of men and teams employed during December, 1905.....	\$3,087.17
4107.—Fred Nussbaumer, salary for December, 1905, and cash advanced for incidentals.....	250.58
4108.—Gribben Lumber Co., lumber for Como Park pavilion December, 1905.....	650.42
4109.—St. Paul Lime & Cement Co., cement, November and December, 1905.....	1,820.70
4110.—J. F. McGuire & Co., nails, etc., July and December, 1905	11.90
4111.—N. W. Fuel Co., coal, December, 1905.....	283.32
4112.—Remington Typewriter Co., typewriter and cabinet December, 1905.....	113.75
4113.—J. H. Armstrong Surveyor, livery, blue prints, December, 1905 and March, 1906.....	24.00
4114.—Haas & Wright, negatives and prints, pavilion foundation, December 1905.....	4.50
4115.—W. H. McIntyre, purchase of lots 9 and 10, Anna D. Mackey's Lakeview Add., January 16, 1906.....	500.00

FEBRUARY, 1906.

4116.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, payroll of men and teams during January, 1906.....	2,804.21
4117.—F. Nussbaumer, Superintendent, salary and cash advanced during January, 1906.....	251.25
4118.—August Beyl, Lot 1, Block 1, Sanborn's Midway Addition taken for Lexington Parkway.....	363.00
4119.—Gribben Lumber Co., lumber for Como Pavilion.....	288.35
4120.—N. W. Fuel Co., coal, December, 1905.....	43.71
4121.—M. A. Hanna Coal Co., coal, January, 1906.....	285.83
4122.—Tierney & Schaeffer, feed, etc., December, 1905 and January, 1906.....	162.26
4123.—Crane & Ordway Co., steam pump, January, 1906.....	56.00
4124.—Jos. A. Rogers, insurance—boats at Como, less return premium, December, 1905.....	8.24
4125.—Nicols, Dean & Gregg, blacksmith supplies.....	87.31

4126.—Mitch & Heck Wagon Co., repairing carriage, January, 1906	22.50
4127.—John N. Theissen, harness supplies, November and December, 1905.....	9.25
4128.—A. R. Crawford, Secretary, reports American Park System	9.00
4129.—Noyes Bros. & Cutler, horse medicine, Dec., 1905.....	4.75
4130.—Richard Price, veterinary services and medicine, September and December, 1905.....	10.25
4131.—W. G. Whitehead, putty, January 6, 1906.....	5.00
4132.—Hackett-Walther-Gates Hdw. Co., watering pots, January, 1906.....	1.88
4133.—Remington Typewriter Co., paper, January, 1906.....	1.40
4134.—C. A. P. Turner, metal reinforcements pavilion floor, estimates No. 1 and F, February 5, 1906.....	1,700.00
4135.—G. W. Oakes & Co., Estimate No. 1 and F, driving piles Como pavilion, February, 1905.....	1,050.00
4136.—Chester R. Smith, part of Lot 15, Block 6, Roger's Add. taken for Lexington Parkway.....	546.92

MARCH, 1906.

4137.—Jessie Foot, County Treasurer, taxes 1905, Lots 9 and 10, Block 2, A. D. Mackey's Lakeview Add. March 1, 1906	5.74
4138.—R. M. Newport, Agt., part Lot 1, Block 2, Wright's Re. Block 22 to 25, to 25 A. E. Ramsey's Add. March 1, 1905.....	550.55
4139.—Dorr Thomas, part Lot 14, Block 40, Summit Park Add..	732.05
4140.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll of men and teams employed during February, 1906.....	3,054.36
4141.—F. Nussbaumer, Superintendent, salary and cash during February, 1906.....	253.79
4142.—Gribben Lumber Co., lumber for Como Pavilion, Feb. 1906	1,338.18
4143.—Villaume Box & Lumber Co., forms for columns Como Pavilion	420.00
4144.—C. R. Corning, steel rods, Como Pavilion.....	650.00
4145.—C. G. Hartin Coal Co., coal, January and February, 1906	484.88
4146.—Brown Bros., roses, February 27, 1906.....	25.00
4147.—Globe Ticket Co., launch and carriage tickets, Feb., 1906	28.00
4148.—Nicols, Dean & Gregg, sleds and shovels, Jan., 1906.....	28.75

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4149.—H. E. Wedelstaedt, minute book, December, 1905.....	20.00
4150.—Burney-Bird Auto Co., Est. No. 1, Auto, March 23, 1906..	2,000.00
4151.—D. J. Van Auken, part of Lots 22 and 23, Block 2, Curry's Subdivision for Lexington Parkway.....	431.97

APRIL, 1906.

4152.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll of men and teams employed during March, 1906.....	3,610.27
4153.—F. Nussbaumer, salary and cash advanced during March, 1906	334.43
4154.—Gribben Lumber Co., lumber for Como Pavillion, March, 1906	659.99
4155.—C. R. Corning, brick for Como Pavillion, March, 1906....	120.00
4156.—St. Paul Lime & Cement Co., flue lining, March, 1906....	27.60
4157.—A. H. Hews & Co., flowers, February, 1906.....	108.18
4158.—Tierney & Schaeffer, oats and bran, March, 1906.....	83.13
4159.—L. L. May & Co., flower seeds, March, 1906.....	20.55
4160.—Remington Typewriter Co., tabulator, February, 1906....	18.00
4161.—Nimis & Nimis, batteries, March, 1906.....	8.28
4162.—Twin City Rapid Transit Co., Electric Lamps, February, 1906	7.50
4163.—J. F. W. Rick, repairing tools, August 1905.....	6.05
4164.—Fred Schroeder, livery, January, 1906.....	4.00
4165.—Hackett-Walther-Gates Hdw. Co., hardware sundries, March, 1906.....	4.92
4166.—Robinson & Cary Co, clock dials, March, 1906.....	1.50
4167.—Burney-Bird Auto Co., Est. No. 2 and F, automobile March, 1906.....	250.00
4168.—M. G. Van Kleek, insurance on pavilion, Phalen Park, March 10, 1906.....	300.00
4169.—Leibbrook & Day, insurance on pavilion, Phalen Park, March, 1906	187.50

MAY, 1906.

4170.—J. C. Michael, Attorney, deed for parts of Lots 15 and 16, Block 1, and Lots 15 and 16, Block 2, Somonitsch's Subdivision, Block 11 and 14, Hyde Park, Lexington	
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Parkway	1,694.00
4171.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay roll of men and teams employed during April, 1906.....	5,158.15
4172.—F. Nussbaumer, Superintendent, salary and cash advanced during April, 1906.....	347.44
4173.—D. L. Bell, Portland cement for Como Pavillion, March, April, May, 1906.....	1,881.00
4174.—Fred C. Norlander, Est. No. 1, iron roofing Como Pav..	8,707.50
4175.—Gribben Lumber Co., lumber for Como Pavillion, April 1906	135.00
4176.—J. F. McGuire, nails Como Pavillion, Feb. 1906.....	11.45
4177.—C. G. Hartin Coal Co., coal, March and April, 1906.....	298.21
4178.—M. A. Hanna Coal Co., coal, April 1906.....	266.81
4179.—Tierney & Schaeffer, oats, April 1906.....	72.55
4180.—Mitsch & Heck Wagon Co., automobile to April 1906....	75.75
4181.—H. T. Jones, flowers, April 1906.....	47.23
4182.—Jewell Nursery, flowers, April 1906.....	41.50
4183.—St. Paul White Lead & Oil Co., oil, lead, etc., April, 1906	23.96
4184.—Standard Oil Co., oil and waste, April 1906.....	50.24
4185.—W. R. Burkhard Co., boat oars, April, 1906.....	59.50
4186.—J. F. McGuire & Co., hardware sundries, March and April	86.55
4187.—Nicols, Dean & Gregg, screw plate, bolts, etc., March, 1906	21.85
4188.—L. L. May & Co., azaleas, April, 1906.....	12.00
4189.—Bartles Oil Co., oil and tank, March, May 1906.....	20.45
4190.—N. W. Stamp Works, repairing punches, etc., March and April, 1906.....	9.00
4191.—J. N. Theissen, stable supplies, Feb. and March, 1906....	9.15
4192.—M. W. Fitzgerald, plan Como Boulevard Ex., February 1906	1.00
4193.—Brown, Treacy & Sperry Co., letter book, April 1906....	1.75
4194.—Hackett-Walther-Gates, hardware, gas cans, etc., April 1906 .....	.40
4195.—Chas. H. Atkins, deed for lot 18 & Ely 10 ft., lot 19 and Ely 40 ft., of lot 17, Varney & McManigal's Re. 1, Anna E. Ramsey's Add. taken for Lexington Park-way	435.60

JUNE, 1906.

4196.—Carl Hendrickson, Condm. L. 1 B. 5 Sanborn's Midway Add. Lexington Parkway.....	381.15
4197.—Mary L. Eddy, Condm. lots 8 and 9, Clark's Subdv., B. 22 Lake Como Villas Como Park Extention.....	1,075.00
4198.—M. Defiel, W½ L. 20, Lake Como Villas, taken for Como Park Extension	1,500.00
4199.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay roll of men employed during May 1906.....	7,456.22
4200.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay roll of park police for May 1906.....	687.80
4201.—Fred Nussbaumer, Superintendent, salary and cash ad- vanced during May, 1906	338.68
4202.—E. P. Sanborn, Attorney, lots 18 and 19 B. 16 Suburban Hills Add., except right of way of R. R., December 1905	650.00
4203.—Fred C. Norlander, estate No. 2 roofing construction Como Park Pavillion, June 1906.....	7,740.00
4204.—D. L. Bell, Portland cement for Como Pav., May 1906...	1,018.80
4205.—Gribbbs Lumber Co. Lumber for Como Pavillion.....	233.09
4206.—A. & J. P. Oase, Lot 2, Block 7, The Strand Addition for Como Park Extension	400.00
4207.—Geo. H. Lains, Lots 6, Block 7, The Strand Addition for Como Park Extension.....	400.00
4208.—Joseph Dingles, Est. No. 1 and F, 50 row boats, June, 1906	1,400.00
4209.—Joy Bros. Cycle Co., Est. No. 1 and F, automobile.....	3,000.00
4210.—C. G. Hartin Coal Co., coal, pumping station, May, 1906..	263.55
4211.—Tierney & Schaeffer, oats, May, 1906.....	87.28
4212.—West Disinfecting Co., 1 bbl. disinfectant, May, 1906....	39.00
4213.—Walter Salinger, engrossed resolution J. H. Wheelock, June, 1906.....	36.00
4214.—Schroeder Bros., wire fence, May, 1906.....	29.25
4215.—Minnesota State Exp. Station, plants and trees, May 1906	24.20
4216.—S. A. Carlson, furniture for comfort house, Phalen Park, May, 1906.....	17.95
4217.—Bartles Oil Co., gasoline, May, 1906.....	25.06

4218.—The Market Seed Store, grass seed, May, 1906.....	16.00
4219.—John E. Williams, appraising land for Mississippi River Boulevard, April, 1906.....	15.00
4220.—J. J. Farley, appraising land for Mississippi River Boule- vard, April, 1906.....	15.00
4221.—Fred L. Bayard, appraising land for Mississippi River Boulevard, April, 1906.....	15.00
4222.—Nimis & Nimis, dry batteries for Phalen Park, May, 1906	12.60
4223.—A Goodrich, scythe and oil stoves, May, 1906.....	10.25
4224.—Daily News Publishing Co., local ads., March, 1906....	8.93
4225.—St. Paul Boat Co., repairs to Phalen Launch.....	7.55
4226.—H. P. Kelsey, shrubs, May, 1906.....	3.00
4227.—E. M. Hall, $\frac{1}{8}$ L. 8 Lake Como Villas, including Bldg., taken for Como Park Extension.....	1,187.50
4228.—Mary M. Anderson, $\frac{1}{8}$ L. 8 Lake Como Villas, including Bldg. taken for Como Park Extension.....	1,187.50
4229.—Citizen's Savings Bank, Kenyon, $\frac{1}{4}$ L. 8 Lake Como Villas, including Bldg. taken for Como Park Extension	2,375.00
4230.—A. H. Taylor, $\frac{1}{4}$ L. 8 Lake Como Villas, including Bldg. taken for Como Park Extension.....	2,375.00
4231.—N. Weiler & Wife, $\frac{1}{4}$ L. 8 Lake Como Villas, including Bldg. taken for Como Park Extension.....	2,375.00
4232.—A. H. Marticke, Lot 5, Strand Addition for Como Park Extension	400.00
4233.—W. F. Moritz, Attorney, Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, B. 7 of Strand's Addition taken for Como Park Addition.....	1,800.00
4234.—Jesse Foot, County Treasurer, delinquent taxes L. 11 B. 1, Dawson & Smith's Subdv. B. 11, Stinson, Brown & Ramsey.....	21.53
4235.—Chas. C. Sharp, Lot 3 B. 6, Strand Addition, taken for Como Park, June, 1906.....	400.00
4236.—Fred C. Holman, L. 21 Como Villas, taken for Como Park, June, 1906.....	3,000.00
4237.—Burney-Bird Auto Co., freight on automobile.....	52.00
4238.—Julia B. Belle & W. S. Dunham, Lot 30 B. 4 Sanborn's Midway Addition for Lexington Ave. Parkway.....	363.00
4239.—Nicholas Flynn, L. 17 B. 16 Suburban Hills Addition, taken for Hoffman Ave. Extension.....	900.00

JULY, 1906.

4240.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay roll of park police for June, 1906.....	715.00
4241.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay roll of men and teams employed during June, 1906.....	8,401.51
4242.—Fred Nussbaumer, salary as Superintendent for June, 1906	346.18
4243.—Erick Strandlof, Lots 8 & 9, B. 2 Langevin's 4th Addition, taken for West Side Boulevard, July, 1906.....	1,346.00
4244.—A. B. Cherniss, Lot 2 Clark's Subdv. L. 22 Lake Como Villas, Como Ave. Extension, July, 1906.....	400.00
4245.—Clarence A. Reid, Lot 1, B. 6 The Strand Addition, Como Villas, taken for Como Park Extensions July, 1906..	400.00
4246.—Frank Danz Jr., 8 concerts at Como Park, July, 1906....	720.00
4247.—Isaac Lederer, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 10 Flandreau's Subdv. of S½, B. 10 Lafond's Addition, taken for Como Ave. Parkway.....	1,875.00
4248.—D. L. Bell, Portland cement for Como Pavillion, June, 1906	1,044.90
4249.—Callan Printing Co., printing, June, 1906.....	100.00
4250.—C. Hennecke Co., settees for Rice Park, June 1906.....	87.50
4251.—Schroeder & Weyh, wagon gear, June, 1906.....	48.00
4252.—Burney-Bird Auto Co., automobile repairs and supplies, April, May, 1906.....	34.29
4253.—Standard Oil Co., automobile oil, May, 1906.....	28.60
4254.—Bartles Oil Co., gasoline, June, 1906.....	81.93
4255.—H. P. Rugg & Co., machinery parts, May, June, 1906....	207.83
4256.—Schroeder Bros., boat repairs, fence wire, nails, May, June, 1906.....	96.50
4257.—F. G. Leslie Co., toilet paper, June, 1906.....	13.00
4258.—St. Paul Roofing & Cornice Co., iron form for pergola, May, 1906.....	10.00
4259.—Midland Supply Co., wagon repairs, June, 1906.....	9.00
4260.—Daily News Publishing Co., local ads, April, 1906.....	2.63
4261.—Noyes Bros. & Cutler, druggist's sundries, May, 1906...	3.93
4262.—J. F. McGuire & Co., hardware sundries, May, June, 1906	90.88
4263.—Tierney & Schaeffer, oats, June, 1906.....	84.39

4264.—Villaume Box & Lumber Co., Est. No. 1 & F. refreshment counters at Como, July, 1906.....	300.00
4265.—Frank Danz Jr., 8 concerts Como Park, July 8-14 inclusive, 1906.....	720.00
4266.—Lucius P. Ordway, Lot 9, B. 6 Strand Addition, taken for Como Park Extension.....	480.00
4267.—John E. Stryker, part Lot 1, Sec. 20, T. 28, R. 23, taken for Mississippi River Boulevard No. 2, July, 1906....	3,000.00
4268.—Frank Danz Jr., 8 concerts Como Park, July 16-22, 1906	720.00

AUGUST, 1906.

4269.—Frederick Aichle, part Lot 4, B. 3 Humphrey's Addition, taken for Como Parkway July, 1906.....	400.00
4270.—Frank Danz Jr., 8 concerts Como Park July 23 to 29 inclusive, 1906.....	720.00
4271.—Wm. F. Pieper, Lots 11, 13 and 14, B. 2 Humphrey's Addition, taken for Como Parkway, August, 1906...	1,475.00
4272.—Mary Geraghty, part Lot 2, B. 6 Humphrey's Addition, taken for Como Parkway, August, 1906.....	950.00
4273.—Young & Lightner, Attorneys M. Mealey, Lot 7 Flaudreau's Subdv., 5½ B. 12 Lafond's Addition, August 1906	400.00
4274.—F. Danz Jr., 8 concerts Como Park, July 29th to August 4, 1906.....	720.00
4275.—F. Danz, Jr., special concert Como Park, July 4, 1906....	155.00
4276.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay roll of men and teams employed for July, 1906.....	8,722.37
4277.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay roll of park police for July, 1906.....	715.00
4278.—Fred Nussbaumer, Superintendent, salary and cash advanced during July, 1906.....	343.51
4279.—Jesse Foot, County Treasurer, delinquent taxes 1899-1904 inclusive, N. 50 ft. of S. 150 ft., Ex. W. 146 ft., B. D. Oliver's Addition.....	110.53
4280.—C. G. Hartin Coal Co., coal, July, 1906.....	252.84
4281.—Gribben Lumber Co., lumber for Pergola Como Park, July, 1906.....	213.60
4282.—John Martin Lumber Co., lumber, July, 1906.....	168.40

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4283.—P. K. Gilfillan, Agent, westrumite, July, 1906.....	405.00
4284.—Frank Berger, capitals for Pergola columns, July, 1906..	112.00
4285.—Crane & Ordway Co., black pipe, etc., July 1906.....	107.25
4286.—Tierney & Schaeffer, oats, feed, etc., July, 1906.....	92.24
4287.—St. Paul Rubber Co., sterling hose for Como Park, July, 1906	87.50
4288.—Griffin & Boehme, repairs boiler house, June, 1906.....	69.95
4289.—Harrison Mfg. Co., weed killer, July, 1906.....	57.82
4290.—D. L. Bell, cement and plaster, June and July, 1906.....	38.30
4291.—Schuneman & Evans, kitchen chairs, June, 1906.....	21.60
4292.—H. P. Rugg & Co., machinery parts, June, 1906.....	23.03
4293.—Maendler Bros., brushes, June, 1906.....	14.13
4294.—J. F. McGuire & Co., hardware sundries, July, 1906.....	27.39
4295.—John N. Theissen, harness repairs, etc., July, 1906.....	27.05
4296.—J. H. Bohrer Sanitation Co., cleaning cesspools at Como and Phalen Parks, July, 1906.....	142.50
4297.—Strickland-Doolittle, insurance on boats at Como Park, July, 1906.....	41.06
4298.—Bartles OH Co., gasoline for Como and Phalen Parks, July, 1906.....	120.13
4299.—F. G. Leslie & Co., sanitary toilet paper, July, 1906.....	6.50
4300.—Schroeder Bros., scythes, July, 1906.....	5.40
4301.—Robinson & Cary Co., wire rope, grease, etc., July, 1906..	3.85
4302.—Prendergast Bros., plumbing at Harriett Island, May, 1906	3.85
4303.—Swift & Co., potash, July, 1906.....	3.10
4304.—Noyes Bros. & Cutler, chamois skins, July, 1906.....	1.00
4305.—N. W. Stamp Works, repairing punches, July, 1906.....	.75
4306.—Leibrock & Day, insurance on Phalen launch, August, 1906	67.50
4307.—Canfield Machine Works, straight edge stamp, August, 1906	14.00
4308.—Pioneer Press Co., boat tickets, June, 1906.....	47.50
4309.—Fred C. Norlander, Est. No. 3, iron and roof construction at Como Park Pavillion August, 1906.....	2,402.50
4310.—Clarence H. Johnson, architects services 3 per cent. of \$38,000.00 Como Park Pavilion, July, 1906.....	1,140.00

4311.—McBride Electric Co., installation conduit system Como Park Pavillion, July, 1906.....	525.00.
4312.—F. Danz Jr., 8 concerts Como Park, August 5-11, 1906....	720.00
4313.—Henry F. Pieper, Lot 2, B. 2 Langevin's 4th Addition, taken for west side Boulevard, August, 1906.....	493.00
4314.—William F. Moritz, part B. "D" Oliver's Addition, taken for West Side Boulevard.....	1,450.00
4315.—Stanley A. Cassidy, damages to Lot 22, B. 17 Overbrooks Addition, taken for Phalen Park.....	74.03
4316.—F. Danz Jr., 8 concerts Como Park, August 12 to 18th inclusive, 1906.....	720.00
4317.—St. Paul Foundry Co., Est. No. 1 and F. bridge at Phalen, August, 1906	4,521.40
4318.—Cornelia M. Boardman, part Lot 1, Sec. 20, T. 28, R. 23, taken for Mississippi R. Boulevard, August, 1906....	2,140.00
4319.—Frank Danz Jr., 8 concerts Como Park, August 19 to 25 inclusive, 1906.....	720.00

SEPTEMBER, 1906.

4320.—W. P. Carrington, et al, damage Lot 10, B. 6, Lot 6, B. 7 Strand Addition, August, 1906, taken for Como Park Extension	990.00
4321.—S. C. Staples, Lot 7, B. 8 and part Lot 6, B. 3 Staples 1st Addition, taken for West Side Boulevard.....	446.00
4322.—Wm. & DeWitt C. Ruff, Lots 29, 30, 31, 32, B. 3 F. W. Hoyt's Reargt. Hall & Brown's Addition, Lexington Parkway	139.15
4323.—Fred Nussbaumer, Superintendent, salary and cash advanced during August 15 to September 4, 1906....	335.73
4324.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay roll of men and teams employed during August, 1906.....	7,914.12
4325.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay roll of men employed cutting grass on city streets, August, 1906.....	562.63
4326.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay roll park police, August, 1906	715.00
4327.—Crane & Ordway Co., pipe and couplings Phalen Park, August, 1906.....	177.40

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4328.—John Olson, sheep barn at Phalen Park, August, 1906....	359.60
4329.—John Martin Lumber Co., lumber, August, 1906.....	166.75
4330.—Tierney & Schaeffer, feed, etc., August, 1906.....	100.74
4331.—Chas. F. Emrich, indexing minutes of Board, 1891 to August 6, 1906.....	100.00
4332.—D. L. Bell, cement, August, 1906.....	90.00
4333.—J. H. Bohrer Sanitation Co., cleaning cesspool Phalen Park, August, 1906.....	75.00
4334.—St. Paul White Lead & Oil Co., lead, oil, etc., July, 1906	44.55
4335.—Fairbanks Morse Co., pump, August, 1906.....	49.50
4336.—C. J. Smith Co., plugs, etc., August, 1906.....	18.00
4337.—Schroeder & Weyh, mower parts, June, 1906 and July...	12.55
4338.—F. G. Leslie Co., toilet paper, August, 1906.....	7.50
4339.—R. L. Polk & Co., 1 city directory, August, 1906.....	6.00
4340.—St. Paul Machine Co., automobile repairs, August, 1906	2.96
4341.—Bartles Oil Co., gasoline, August, 1906.....	36.90
4342.—Standard Oil Co., gasoline, oil, etc., August 1906.....	39.25
4343.—Cornplanter Oil Co., gasoline, August, 1906.....	9.60
4344.—J. R. Kirkwood, replacing warrant No. 3055 issued Oct. 1901, September, 1906.....	4.59
4345.—E. M. Ware, Attorney for C. W. McLean, Lot 17, B. 2 Langevin's 4th Addition, taken for W. S. Boulevard..	668.00

OCTOBER, 1906.

4346.—A. H. Paget, Lots 3 and 4, B. 1 Hoyt's Reargt. Lots 25, 26, 27 Hall & Brown's Addition to Hyde Park for Lex- ington Parkway.....	205.70
4347.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay roll of men and teams employed during September, 1906.....	5,185.74
4348.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay roll park police, Sep- tember, 1906.....	715.00
4349.—Fred Nussbaumer, Superintendent, salary and cash ad- vanced during September, 1906.....	335.83
4350.—Nicols, Dean & Gregg, horse shoe nails, July, August, 1906	9.45
4351.—Crane & Ordway Co., rubber belt packing September, 1906	12.90

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4352.—Tierney & Schaeffer, oats, September, 1906.....	64.25
4353.—Robinson & Cary Co., plow points, pick handles, etc., September, 1906.....	2.00
4354.—Cornplanter Oil Co., gasoline, September, 1906.....	38.40
4355.—Emil Messerschmidt, part 4.09 acres and buildings, Lot 4, Sec. 17, T. 28, R. 23, October, 1906, Mississippi River Boulevard.....	2,500.00
4356.—Frank E. Ford, Lots 16 to 19 inclusive, B. 8 Mississippi River Boulevard Addition.....	150.00

NOVEMBER, 1906.

4357.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay roll of men and teams employed during October, 1906.....	2,713.47
4358.—Fred Nussbaumer, salary and cash advanced during October, 1906.....	350.63
4359.—Maria Soule, purchase Lot 4, B. 2 Langevin's 4th Addi- tion, November 1906, West Side Boulevard.....	168.00
4360.—F. C. Norlander, Est. No. 4 and F, Como Park Pavilion	500.00
4361.—C. G. Hartin Coal Co., coal, September 1906.....	286.13
4362.—P. K. Gilfillan, Agent, westrumite, August, 1906.....	270.00
4363.—Chas. F. Emrich, clerical work, October, 1906.....	176.50
4364.—Leibrock & Day, insurance on barn Como Park, October, 1906	90.00
4365.—J. Q. Haas, insurance on barn, horses, etc., Como Park, October, 1906.....	78.00
4366.—L. I. Sasserly & Co., insurance on office building Como Park, October, 1906.....	50.00
4367.—St. Paul White Lead & Oil Co., lead and turpentine, Octo- ber, 1906.....	59.55
4368.—Peter Henderson, bulbs, September, 1906.....	34.75
4369.—Burney-Bird Auto Co., storage, battery, expressage, June, August 4, 1906.....	33.00
4370.—W. G. Whitehead, greenhouse supplies, September, 1906	26.57
4371.—Standard Oil Co., automobile gasoline, September 20, 1906	23.40
4372.—Maendler Bros., brushes, etc., October, 1906.....	16.38
4373.—Cornplanter Oil Co., automobile gasoline, September, 1906	9.60

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4374.—John Martin Lumber Co., tarred felt, October, 1906.....	8.59
4375.—John N. Theissen, horse collar, August 9, 1906.....	4.00
4376.—John F. Rick, tool repairs, Indian Mounds Park, March, May, July, August, September, 1906.....	3.15
4377.—Noyes Bros. & Cutler, glue, September 12, 1906.....	2.75
4378.—D. L. Bell, lime, October, 1906.....	1.90
4379.—Richard Price, veterinary services, August 3-13, Septem- ber 26, 28, 1906.....	16.35
4380.—James Brodie, erroneous assessment 1905, Lot 26, 27, Auditor's Subdv., Nov. 1906.....	4.42
4381.—R. M. Lawton, purchase of Lots 4 and 5 Clark's Subdv. Lot 22 Como Villas, Como Park Extension.....	800.00

DECEMBER, 1906

4382.—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay roll of men and teams employed November, 1906.....	2,598.70
4383.—Fred Nussbaumer, salary and cash advanced during November, 1906.....	333.37
4384.—S. M. Magoffin, part Lot 1, Sec. 21, T. 28, R. 23 and building, December, 1906, Mississippi River Boule- vard	2,524.49
4385.—Twin City Iron & Wire Works, wire goods, October, 1906	12.00
4386.—Daily News Publishing Co., local ads, October, 1906....	2.36
4387.—Tierney & Schaeffer, corn, bran, etc., October, 1906....	115.90
4388.—Crane & Ordway Co., machinery parts, November, 1906..	20.49
4389.—St. Paul Rubber Co., rubber boots, November, 1906.....	14.73
4390.—Perkins-Thomas Printing Co., printing blanks, November, 1906	3.50
4391.—Dolenty Bros., oats, December, 1906.....	881.29
4392.—Vincent M. Jackson, part S½ Lot 2, Sec. 17, T. 28, R. 23 and interest December, 1906, Mississippi River Boule- vard No. 2.....	914.06
4394.—W. P. Davidson, part Lot 4, Sec. 8, T. 28, R. 23, also Lot 1, Sec. 17, T. 28, R. 23, part of Lot 2, Sec. 17, T. 28, R. 23 Mississippi River Boulevard No. 2, December 13, 1906	3,679.04

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4393.—L. L. May, part Lot 1, B. 5 and Lot 4 and 5, B. 6 Humphrey's Addition and Bldg. Como Ave. Parkway..... 3,750.00

PARK FUND.

RECEIPTS.

By balance January 1, 1906.....	\$100,807.24
By sale tax levy certificates, 1906.....	32,000.00
By miscellaneous receipts, 1906	50,000.00
By receipts from 1905 taxes.....	7,600.00
By cutting grass assessments.....	2,748.70
By cash receipts from boats.....	7,997.80
By cash Twin City Rapid Transit Company, music.....	1,000.00
By privileges and ground rent.....	5,035.00
By other cash receipts.....	5,374.33
By transfer improving Iglehart Street.....	93.60
Total	\$212,656.67

DISBURSEMENTS.

To salary and expenses of Superintendent.....	\$3,750.01
To pay roll of men and teams employed.....	61,268.91
To pay roll of park police.....	3,547.80
To fuel and feed.....	4,209.31
To insurance.....	822.30
To row boats.....	1,400.00
To bridge at Phalen Park.....	4,521.40
To music at Como Park.....	5,915.00
To purchase two automobiles.....	5,377.75
To trees, plants, etc.....	332.41
To westrumite	675.00
To purchase land.....	2,674.03
To repair of buildings.....	2,382.84
To miscellaneous supplies and expenses.....	2,953.64
Total cash disbursements.....	\$99,830.40

TRANSFERS.

To Como Pavillion account.....	\$8,000.00
To Como Park Extension.....	28,085.00
To Phalen Park Extension.....	11,263.00
To Hoffman Ave. Extension.....	1,100.00
To Como Parkway.....	30,300.00
To Mississippi River Boulevard No. 2.....	16,785.25
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Total transfers.....	\$95,533.25
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	\$195,363.65
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Balance December 31, 1906.....	\$17,293.02

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OPENING DAY AT ARLINGTON HILLS PLAY GROUND.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

St. Paul Playgrounds Committee

To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN:

The Playgrounds Committee wishes to present the following report:

The year just closed has witnessed material progress in the development of the City's Playground system. Substantial additions have been made in land and equipment, the grounds have been operated as well as circumstances would permit, and the good will of the public has been gained; while a considerable balance remains to our credit with which to make needed improvements next year.

A tract of land was acquired in the western end of the city at the corner of Bay and View streets in close proximity to the Adams and Cushman K. Davis schools and but a short distance from the city and county hospital. This tract comprises a large half block of ground, and was acquired through purchase by the city. Seven lots in that neighborhood, which were owned by the city and known as a "Haymarket site," were turned over in exchange and \$2,900 in cash paid.

One lot was added to the Arlington Hills Playground in order to square out an irregular side. The purchase price of this lot was \$300. The three "stub lots" at the corner of Gaultier and Lafond streets, known as the "policeman's lots," were acquired by condemnation to fill out an irregularity in the Como Avenue grounds. The cost of these lots (\$1,200) does not appear in the report of expenditures as the money had not been

paid over at the end of the year, although the proceedings were otherwise complete.

The following is a condensed statement of receipts and disbursements of the Playgrounds Funds for the year 1906:

PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1905.....	\$2,599.35
Annual Appropriation.....	10,000.00
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	\$12,599.35

EXPENDITURES.

Payroll of Employees.....	\$4,042.64
Playground Equipment.....	642.06
Supplies	486.55
Water and Sewer Connection.....	324.03
Purchase of Land.	3 200.00
Balance	3,904.07
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	\$12,599.35

Note.—(It should be borne in mind that the \$1,200 referred to above as the purchase price of the "policeman's lots" should be deducted from the balance of \$3,904.07.)

With these acquisitions of land the city now owns three playgrounds nearly equal in area, and located in quarters of the city remote from each other, yet where they will be of the greatest utility and benefit to the children. While none of the grounds are as large as might be wished for ideal results, yet they are of sufficient area to admit the introduction of the essential features of up-to-date playgrounds.

It is the unanimous opinion of the members of the Playgrounds Committee that these three grounds should be fully developed before any more land is purchased. Substantial and commodious shelter houses should be erected, the grounds should be graded and planted, and a full equipment of games and apparatus provided for each. We would urge the beautifying of the grounds by planting shrubs and trees as far as is possible to do so without in any degree impairing their utility as places of sport and enjoyment for the children. Attractiveness should be com-

bined with usefulness in order to secure the best moral results of the public playground.

Our Supervisor has suggested that it may be necessary to place fences around the grounds in order to preserve the apparatus and buildings from mauling children. We should regret exceedingly to have to consider this necessary, for we believe that the moral atmosphere should beget self-control, making restraint unnecessary, and that the attractiveness of the play spaces would be impaired by fences. If it is possible to maintain the playgrounds for a time without fencing, but treating them as Parks and guarding the apparatus in the same way that Park improvements and decorations are guarded the children will soon come to regard the preservation of the Playground property as their right and privilege, and we feel confident that the best results will follow this method.

The skating rink has proven exceedingly popular, and of great practical value. We would urge that this provision be made for winter sport on each of the playgrounds.

The wading pool has not yet been introduced in our system, but we believe it to be a desirable feature and suggest that by constructing the pool with a concrete bottom and sandy margins, varying in depth from 18 to 24 inches, with inlet and outlet for changing the water, and so arranged that it could always be emptied when the director was absent, the element of danger to little children would be eliminated and a most attractive feature secured.

Relative to the supervision of the playgrounds for the coming year, a plan is under consideration with the Board of Directors of the Young Men's Christian Association of our city whereby the Physical Director of the Association may be secured as Supervisor of Playgrounds also. The principal work of the Physical Director of the Association is during the winter months, while it is during the summer that the Playgrounds require most attention. Therefore both lines of work can be carried on by the Director, and to mutual advantage. Aside from this, the Director of the Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium has always at hand a class of reliable young men who are in training and who may be drawn upon for assistant directors of the various playgrounds, thus solving what has heretofore been a difficult problem. Our Committee has recommended this plan and as it seems to meet with general favor, we trust that the co-operation of these two interests may prove an economy and mutual benefit.

The enthusiasm for playgrounds is constantly growing among the children, while the playground as an institution is rapidly gaining in favor with the parents, the city officials, and the general public. This increasing thoughtfulness on the part of the people of St. Paul for its children is only an index of the wide interest which all the nation is taking in the Playground movement. Progressive cities all over our land are awakening to the children's need, and their own opportunity. St. Louis, with several playgrounds already operated by the Civic League, this year opened in addition its first playground under municipal direction. Omaha has made an appropriation of \$5,000 as a beginning, and is selecting and equipping for the play of the boys and girls a block of ground near the center of the city. The Park Board of Hartford, Conn., has taken up the work of providing space for and supervision of the children's play. Louisville, one of the first cities to realize its responsibility to its little citizens, is developing year by year its playgrounds, until it has a system of which it may indeed be proud. Chicago's traditional strong will, working especially through the South Park Commission, has willed into existence eleven splendidly equipped Playground Parks, with place for both outdoor and indoor sports of men and women as well as children. Washington has asked of the Commissioners of the District \$15,000 annually for the maintenance of its playgrounds, and \$65,000 for the purchase of a new site and the erection of a playground building which is to contain "a playroom, a gymnasium, shower bath, reading room, library, and an auditorium."

At the national capital there met in April 1906, men and women from different parts of the country, interested in playground work, and an organization was formed for the furthering of the cause and to be known as "The American Playgrounds Association." We joined this Association, and asked our Congressman, Hon. F. C. Stevens to represent us at the sessions of the Convention, which he very cordially consented to do. The list of officers of the Association includes many well known names: Theodore Roosevelt, Honorary President; Jacob Riis, Honorary Vice President; Dr. Luther Gulick of New York, President; while among others deeply interested are Commissioner Henry B. F. McFarland, Dr. Henry Curtis, Supervisor of the Washington Playgrounds, and Miss Mary McDowell of the University Settlement of Chicago. All of these are very earnest in their efforts to promote the cause of the children through public playgrounds,

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NONE ARE TOO SMALL TO ENJOY THEIR PRIVILEGES.

as Mr. McFarland put it, "to make our outdoor education what it ought to be."

Though our local results may not look large compared with what has been accomplished in some other cities, that which has been done has been watched with interest by those newer to the work than we are, a fact attested by the requests that have come from many parts of the country for reports of our work.

In our work of securing the site for the playground at Bay and View Streets, there is one feature that has been impressed upon us strongly, and which we desire to most earnestly recommend to the attention of the Board of Park Commissioners and the citizens of that district; that is, that the other half of the block acquired by the city is land that has never been platted, has no improvements whatever upon it, and is for sale at a low figure. It is most admirably adapted for a neighborhood park, and could be developed and conducted as such in connection with the Playground to the greatest advantage. That quarter of the city is entirely without park facilities, and it seems to us that here is an opportunity that should not be lost.

An almost parallel situation exists at the Arlington Playgrounds. The balance of the block lying between Rose and Maryland Streets, and extending from the Playground to Payne avenue, is another admirable site for a neighborhood Park. The citizens of that part of town have been agitating the subject of a park in their vicinity, and it has been borne in upon us that here is an opportunity for the people to co-operate with the city in the general enterprise of combining a park with the Playground to the advantage of both.

Appended to our Report is that of Supervisor Leland.

J. F. Fisher,
Chairman.

A. W. DUNNING, M. D.
Secretary.

Report of the Supervisor of Playgrounds

To the Chairman of the Playgrounds Committee:

The playgrounds this year have been open longer than during any previous season.

The Como Avenue Playground was open from May 9th until October 20th when the weather became too cold for the small children to play out of doors.

The Fifth Ward Playground was open from September 18th until October 20th.

As the greater part of the Arlington Hills Playground was torn up with grading operations, permission was secured to play baseball on the adjoining lot and the season opened June 6th. August 4th the new gymnasium was completed and this together with the swings was thrown open to the children. On October 6th the apparatus was dismantled and stored for the winter. December 8th the skating rink was opened.

IMPROVEMENTS.

At the Como Avenue Playground a new giant-stride and a new horizontal bar for the boys have been erected; also early in the year the tan-bark which was hauled last winter was spread and the swing frames painted.

The Arlington Hills Playground has been graded and improved according to the plan accepted by the committee. The ground is graded in two levels. The Rose Street side is partially covered with cinders and moulding clay mixed, which gives a solid surface in wet or dry weather. The ground under the gymnasium apparatus is covered with soft sand. The lower level on the Maryland Street side is laid out with an eighth of a mile running track, enclosing a grass plot which is to be used as a baseball diamond and hockey field in the summer and fall and as a skating

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THE GIANT STRIDE.



SWINGS FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

rink in the winter. The field slopes toward the center where a catch basin drains it into the sewer. A cement sidewalk 6 feet by 33 feet was made under the swings and a bed of concrete was placed under the boys' giant-stride in order to keep the ground from wearing away under these pieces of apparatus.

An outdoor gymnasium for boys has been established. The frame is 20x42x16 feet made of 3-inch wrought iron pipe. To this frame was attached two pairs of sliding poles; on an incline, a rope and a horizontal ladder, two pairs of trick rings; one climbing pole; one climbing rope; one combination horizontal and vaulting bar and one punching bag drum. Space is reserved also for five traveling rings. The ground under the apparatus is covered with about 8 inches of screened sand.

A special connection has been made with the City water main and a system of water pipes put in for sprinkling the grass and flooding the skating rink.

The only improvements attempted at the Fifth Ward Playground has been the erection of a portable swing frame made of 2 inch wrought iron pipe bolted in a triangular frame with the base buried one foot in the ground. It is braced laterally with a pair of sliding poles at each end. Five swings and a rope ladder are suspended from this frame.

ATTENDANCE.

The attendance of the Como Avenue and the Arlington Hills Playground has been about the same as in previous years. At the Fifth Ward Playground the average attendance per day was:

Boys	66
Girls	17
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Total	83

SHOWER BATHS.

The shower baths at the Como Avenue Playground are entirely inadequate for the demand upon them. The average number of baths per day were as follows:

	Boys	Girls	Total
Largest number taken in any one day.....	132	78	210
Average per day.....	91	34	125

THE SKATING RINK.

The skating rink at the Arlington Hills Playground was ready for skating December 8th. The attendance up to January 1st has been as follows for a period of 9 days:

	A. M.			P. M.			Total		
	Boys	Girls	Both	Boys	Girls	Both	Boys	Girls	Both
Total attendance....	721	266	987	1,300	275	1,575	2,021	541	2,562
Average attendance.	86	28	114	115	25	240	201	53	254
Largest daily.....	155	45	200	200	65	265	355	100	455

The rink is a great success. One half of the rink is reserved for pleasure skating and the rest is used for games.

Considerable difficulty has been experienced in keeping the large boys off the ice and keeping the children out of the way when the rink is being flooded. In order to do this it has been necessary to employ a watchman.

Wherever there are children playing, no matter how closely they are watched accidents may occur. Nothing in life is gained without risk. Character is developed by overcoming obstacles. The apparatus of the playground gives the child a definite obstacle to overcome; to climb up a ladder on a frame and slide down a couple of inclined poles appeals to the boy as being worth doing and if this is taught by competent instructors to be done well it not only strengthens the child physically but morally as well.

INTER-SCHOOL AND INTER-PLAYGROUND CONTEST.**BASEBALL LEAGUE.**

During the first part of June the Playground Committee issued a letter to the grade schools asking them to send representatives to a meeting held at the Scheffer School to organize a Playground Baseball League. Twenty-nine schools were represented. Officers were chosen and a set of rules adopted. A Senior League of nine teams for the Como Avenue Playground and five teams for the Arlington Hills Playground and also a Park League of four teams was organized. A Junior League of six Como Avenue teams and five Arlington Hills teams was also formed. A game with each team was scheduled. Interest was at white heat at first but a num-

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"POSING," ON THE MARGIN OF THE SKATING POND.

ber of the schools could not organize teams and the cancelled games caused confusion in the schedule.

The Rice School won the most games and will carry the baseball pennant for the year.

Next season's plan is to start the teams earlier in the spring and have everything well organized by the time school closes so that the teams will hold together through the summer.

FIELD HOCKEY LEAGUE.

In the fall we organized a Field Hockey League. The Como Avenue games between the Madison, Webster and Rice Schools were very successful. The final game to determine the championship had to be played on two successive days as the first game resulted in a tie. The Rice School finally won with a score of 2 to 1. The most intense excitement prevailed through all these games. The League has demonstrated that Field Hockey can successfully be used among the grade school boys as a substitute for football; that it require about the same qualities of endurance and team loyalty; that it is as interesting to the boys; that it trains and strengthens the spirit of co-operation and that it develops the boys physically as much as the rougher game without the corresponding danger to life and limb.

Respectfully submitted,

A. LELAND,

Supervisor of Playgrounds.

INVENTORY OF ST. PAUL PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS, NOV. 1, 1906.

Patterns.

- A1 rope hook for $\frac{3}{4}$ inch rope.
- A2 rope hook for $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch rope.
- A3 wedge screw for A1 to be cast in lead.
- B1 swing board seat fitting.
- C traveling ring.
- C1 trick ring.
giant stride patterns:
- D cap.
- D1 top of upper ball bearing, to be cast in steel.
- D2 revolving eyes to which ropes are attached, to be cast in steel
- D3 base, to be cast in steel.
- K parallel bar top, tee fitting for holding bars to uprights.
- L1 horizontal bar cap.
- L2 horizontal bar adjusting key.
- M portable swings, 30 degree casting for holding 2 inch pipes.
- M1 portable swings, clamp to fit over 3 inch pipe.
combination merry go round and giant stride fittings:
- N1 pipe fitting with upper pipe to be set at 90 degrees.
- N2 pipe fitting with upper pipe to be set at 30 degrees.
- N3 bottom clamp for holding seat board
- N4 top clamp for holding seat board.
- N5 inside clamp for holding back.
- N6 outside clamp for holding back.
- N7 top of upper bearing, cast pattern with core boxes, steel.
- N8 bottom of upper bearing, cast pattern without core boxes, steel.
- N9 top of lower bearing, cast pattern with core boxes, steel.
- N10 bottom of lower bearing, cast pattern without core boxes, steel.
- N11 bracket to hold bearing in place, cast of grey iron.
- N12 cap.
rocking joint patterns:
- O1 joint to swing across pipe, (top clamp Q1).
- O2 joint to swing with pipe, (top clamp Q1).
- O3 top of rocker.
- O4 bottom of rocker.
(patterns O1, O2, and O3 should have the bearing surfaces case hardened with cyanide of potassium.)

- P1 jump standard fitting.
 P2 jump standard adjusting key.
 frame fitting patterns:
 Q1 top clamp for 3 inch pipe, to be used with rocking joint, clamp 3 inch thread $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch, 3 inch x 3 inch cross connection, clamp 3 inch, thread 3 inch.
 Q2 top fitting for clamp 3 inch, thread $3\frac{1}{2}$ inch.
 Q3 top fitting for clamp $3\frac{1}{2}$ inch, thread $3\frac{1}{4}$ inch.
 R1 cross connection 3 inch x 3 inch, use Q1 for top clamp.
 R2 clamp 3 inch, thread $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch, offset 90 degrees, use Q1 for top clamp.
 R3 clamp 3 inch, thread $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch, offset 45 degrees, use Q1 for top clamp.
 R4 cap for 3 inch pipe.
 S1 clamp $3\frac{1}{2}$ inch thread, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch, offset 90 degrees, use Q3 for top clamp.
 S2 clamp $3\frac{1}{2}$ inch, thread $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch, offset 45 degrees, use Q3 for top clamp.
 T1 clamp 3 inch, thread 3 inch, use Q1 for top clamp.
 T2 clamp 3 inch, thread $3\frac{1}{2}$ inch, use Q2 for top clamp.
 U ladder hanger fitting, to clamp on 1 inch pipe.
 U1 ladder hanger clamp.

COMO AVENUE PLAYGROUND.

Apparatus.

- 1 Revolving See-Saw.
- 4 Steel Horizontal Bars.
- 4 Pairs Parallel Bars.
- 1 Pair Swing Rings.
- 1 Climbing Rope Complete.
- 1 Climbing Rope, partly made.
- 12 Baby Swings.
- 8 Large Swings.
- 9 Giant Stride Ropes.
- 1 Pair Basket Ball Goals.
- 2 Teeter Ladders.
- 1 Ladder.
- 1 Climbing Pole.

Material for Games.

- 2 Footballs.
- 3 Basket Balls.
- 1 Hockey Ball.
- 3 Sets of Boxing Gloves.
- 2 Crocinoles Boards (damaged.)
- 25 Hockey sticks.
- 1 Tennis Net.
- 4 Tennis Rackets.
- 2 Lacrosse Rackets.
- 1 Set Baby Bunting Pins.
- 3 Baseball Bats.
- 1 Baseball Mask.

Tools.

- 1 Lawn Tennis Court Roller (broken).
- 1 Crowbar.
- 1 Lawn Mower.
- 1 Hammer.
- 1 Hatchet.
- 2 Wrenches.
- 1 Screw Driver.
- 1 Plastering Trowel.
- 1 Garden Trowel.
- 5 Files.
- 1 Broom.
- 1 Two Wheeled Cart.
- 1 Rake.
- 1 Hoe.
- 1 Post Hole Digger.
- 1 Sod Cutter.
- 1 Chain Pipe Wrench.
- 1 Saw.
- 1 Rip Saw.
- 1 Framing Square.
- 1 Putty Knife.
- 1 Vice and Drilling Attachment and Drill.
- 1 Grass Hook.

- 1 Pair Grass Scissors.
- 1 Splicing Knife.
- 1 Gomp.
- 1 Broken Wheel Barrow.

Miscellaneous.

- 1 Mop.
- 2 Padlocks and Keys.
- 1 Waste Can.
- 1 Bookcase and Books.
- 1 Roll Top Desk.
- 1 Can Potassium Cyanide.
- 8 Formaldehyde Fumigators.
- 1 Whisk Broom.
- 1 U. S. Flag.
- 1 Oil Stove.
- 1 Five Gallon Oil Can.
- 3 Heavy Chains.
- 1 Can Many Use Oil.
- 8 Castings, pattern L1.
- 40 Ordinary Eye Clamps for 3 inch pipe complete.
- 10 Castings, pattern B1.
- 9 Castings, pattern M1.
- 3 2x8 inch Cast Flanges.
- 5 Castings, pattern O2.
- 32 Castings, pattern O1.
- 36 Castings, pattern O4.
- 29 Castings, pattern O3.
- 2 Castings, pattern.
- 1 Set of Castings complete for constructing the combination merry go round and giant stride.
- 6 Castings, pattern for teeter ladder.
- 13 Castings, pattern K.
- 3 Castings, pattern A3.
- 2 Pails.
- 2 Broken Swings.
- 15 Feet $\frac{3}{8}$ inch Manila Rope.
- 25 Feet $\frac{3}{4}$ inch 4s Manila Rope.

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A number of short pieces of Rope for splicing.

4 Broken Locks.

Part of Coil of Galvanized Ribbon Wire.

Towels.

4 Broken Padlocks.

1 Can Oil of Tar.

2 1½ inch Galvanized Rope Thimbles.

1 Set Aluminum Swing Checks.

3 Tin Cups.

Pipe and Fittings for portable baby swings.

Fittings for merry go round and one set of steel bearings partially finished at the St. Paul Foundry.

2 Ball Bearing Giant Stride Heads.

ARLINGTON HILLS PLAYGROUND.

Apparatus and Games.

1 Iron Pipe Swing Frame and Nine Swings.

1 Gymnasium Frame.

2 Pairs Rings.

1 Rope Ladder.

1 Climbing Pole.

1 Horizontal Bar.

2 Pair Sliding Poles.

1 Punching Bag and Platform.

1 See-Saw Frame and 4 Boards.

2 Basket Ball Goals.

3 Baseball bats.

1 Mask.

1 Catcher's Mit.

1 Tennis Net.

Tools and Miscellaneous.

2 Rakes.

3 Shovels.

1 Spade.

2 Wheelbarrows.

1 Pail.

3 Castings A1.

3 Padlocks.

- 3 Small pieces of Chain.
- 4 Castings, Q1.
- 1 Part Coil of Galvanized Ribbon Wire.
- 4 Pieces of 2 inch Pipe, upright for parallel bars.
- 1 Tool Box.

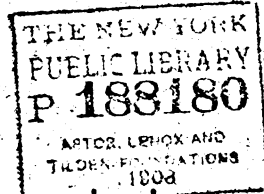
FIFTH WARD PLAYGROUND.

Apparatus and Games.

- 20 Hockey Sticks.
- 1 Portable Iron Pipe Swing Frame, and 5 Swings.
- 2 Pairs Sliding Poles.
- 2 Damaged Locks and Keys.
- 1 Football.
- 1 Rope Ladder.

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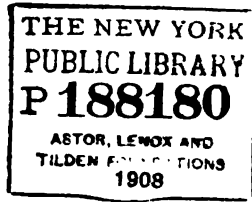
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Superintendent.

Board of Park Commissioners

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DANIEL ABERLE.	HILER H. HORTON.
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March, 1895, to March, 1896.

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March, 1896, to March, 1897.

DANIEL ABERLE.	WILLIAM HAMM.
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March, 1897, to March, 1898.

DANIEL ABERLE.
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March, 1898, to March, 1899.

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WILLIAM HAMM.
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March, 1899, to March, 1900.

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March, 1900, to March, 1901.

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March, 1901, to March, 1902.

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March, 1902, to March, 1903.

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March, 1903, to March, 1904.

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JOSEPH A. WHEELOCK.
WILLIAM HAMM.

March 1904, to March, 1905.

DANIEL ABERLE.
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DR. ROBERT O. EARL.

J. A. WHEELOCK.
WILLIAM HAMM.

March, 1905, to March, 1906.

DANIEL ABERLE.
H. W. TOPPING.
DR. ROBERT O. EARL

LEWIS A. ROBINSON.
WILLIAM HAMM.

March, 1906, to March, 1907.

DANIEL ABERLE.
H. W. TOPPING.
DR. ROBERT O. EARL.

LEWIS A. ROBINSON.
WILLIAM HAMM.

TENURE OF OFFICE

LEWIS A. ROBINSON.....	May 18, 1906.	March 1, 1908.
WILLIAM HAMM	March 1, 1904.	March 1, 1909.
DANIEL ABERLE	March 1, 1905.	March 1, 1910.
DR. ROBERT O. EARL.....	March 1, 1906.	March 1, 1911.
HERBERT W. TOPPING.....	March 1, 1907.	March 1, 1912.

REPORT OF BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS FOR 1907

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

To the Honorable, the Mayor and the Common Council of the City of St. Paul:

Gentlemen: I have the honor to present to you my report as President of the Board of Park Commissioners for the year 1907.

COMO PARK.

During the season considerable progress was made in improvements of our park system. The grading of the Como avenue entrance and adjacent grounds, which is an important extension of the beautification of Como Park and a realization of the long cherished scheme for a dignified approach to this beautiful park, has been practically accomplished; while all of the grading is not finally completed only little remains to be done and the ornamentation of the entrance grounds can be commenced in spring. An excellent opportunity offers itself here for some public spirited citizen to commemorate himself by erecting an ornamental entrance gate at this stately park approach.

Considerable work was required to be done on the settled portion of the lake shore drive; this settling was caused by the filling in of frozen earth during the previous winter.

Another desirable improvement accomplished was the erection of a new band stand. This building corresponds in its general architectural outlines with the main pavilion.

LEXINGTON PARKWAY.

Considerable headway was made during the past season in rounding out the proposed improvement of this great parkway. The forty feet wide strip of land between the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific Railway lines was acquired, making the width of Lexington Parkway uniform between Summit avenue and Como Park. The Northern Pacific Railway Co. has finished the bridge under their right of way and graded the approach and it is hoped the Board will be in a position to complete the grading and metalizing of the driveway next summer and give the public a dignified up-town approach to Como Park. The completion of its ornamentation will be prosecuted as rapidly as the finances of the Board will permit. But before accepting the improvements of this parkway, as outlined above, as final, there remains one more improvement of generally recognized necessity to be mentioned and that is a suitable bridge across the right of way of the Great Northern Railway Co. The present structure is in a state of decay, and inside of another year will not be able to withstand the greatly increased traffic caused by the opening of the parkway for its entire distance.

THE REMOVAL OF THE WORKHOUSE.

In connection with the completion of the Lexington Parkway approach to Como Park must also be considered the improvement of the southwest eighty acres of Como Park, on which the Workhouse is located. As it lies in the foreground of approach of a dignified parkway, the demand for its improvement cannot longer be ignored. The maintenance of a penal institution on park grounds is entirely out of place and contrary to all implied purposes of a park, and should be eliminated as soon as possible.

NEW ACQUIRED PARKS.

Mostly all the land added to our park system during the past year was acquired by condemnation upon petitions of property owners. The so acquired parks are as follows: College Park, 4.21 acres; Horton Park, 3.48 acres; Ramsey Triangle, 0.07 acres; Bay Triangle, 0.49 acres; Newell Park, 8.43 acres; Lexington Boulevard, between Great Northern and

Northern Pacific Railway tracks, 2.6 acres. In addition, 10.03 acres were condemned in Hiawatha Park Addition; four lots (0.44 acres) in Riverside Boulevard Addition, and three small irregular tracts (0.11 acres) in lot 1 were purchased and paid for out of the Park Fund. The total acquisition of land during the year were 29.86 acres.

THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER BOULEVARD.

Considerable progress was made during the past season in grading the driveway from Randolph street south three-quarters of a mile to the leased grounds of the United States Government, and next season will see this improvement completed to Fort Snelling bridge. The Board also ordered the improving and opening of a driveway from Marshall avenue north to the city limits, which it is hoped can be done next season. The Board also ordered surveys of the extension of the River Boulevard from Fort Snelling bridge southeasterly leading into the city; and after this is completed the river bluff, for a distance of ten miles, will form a harmonious frame of landscape scenery to the city for the perpetual enjoyment of its inhabitants. The preservation and improvement for public use of this picturesque river front in its entirety is a sacred duty of the Board of Park Commissioners and short-sighted greed or other obstacles thrown into the way of its progress will only delay, but not defeat, the project.

WHEELLOCK PARKWAY.

A preliminary order for condemnation proceeding to acquire the necessary land between Como and Phalen Park needed for this parkway was passed by the Board. The improvement as planned is 120 feet wide, following as much as possible the high plateau of the northern portion of the city. The territory through which it runs is almost entirely denuded of native trees, which, if anything, will help to accomplish its distinctive purpose of a prospect pleasure drive. For nearly its entire distance the city, with the State Capitol building as a central point, can be seen, and to the north a most extensive view of the surrounding country is available. The expense for acquisition to the city should not be more than 40 per cent. of its total cost, as the benefits derived from this improvement will very materially accrue to a large district of the city.

PHALEN PARK.

Considerable delay in procuring the deeds for the land needed, caused by either indifference or misunderstanding on the part of the property owners, was experienced and the proposed improvement planned to be made on the upper end of Lake Phalen and Phalen creek could not be carried out. The Board intended to build a bridge across the creek the coming spring, but the land is not yet in possession of the Board, there are still four pieces of property to be acquired before any improvements can be made and, in fairness to those property owners which have already deeded the required land to the city, the delinquent owners should respond at once so that the improvement can be made without delay.

A very substantial improvement on the Phalen creek canal was made during the season. In connection with the building of a bridge across the creek by the Wisconsin Central Railway Co. under their right of way, the Board made arrangements with the railway company to build a bridge of a double arch design suitable to future contemplated improvements along the creek; one arch to be used for the canal or waterway and the other for the driveway. This improvement cost the Board \$5,000.

INDIAN MOUNDS PARK.

The completion of the Hoffman avenue approach to this park opens an entrance of exceptional picturesque beauty and with the opening of the remaining section between Mound and Thorn streets an ornamented driveway will, in its diversified course one mile in length through a panorama of exquisite scenery and commanding prospects, lead to the Fish Hatchery grounds.

A PARKWAY

between Indian Mounds Park and Phalen Park, to complete the link between the River Boulevard, Como and Phalen Parks, will come next under consideration. Its final location will take some time to work out, but a satisfactory way will be found to round out a magnificent parkway chain east and west creditable to the city.

COMO AVENUE PARKWAY.

As a down-town approach to Como Park, Como avenue is the best available and the most important route. Its treatment is complicated first, from the fact that it is encumbered with street car tracks and because of its diagonal course; intersecting lateral streets in a manner antagonistic to formal treatment of planting and intersecting street grade adjustment. The improvement of the triangular pieces of land along the avenue will, however, have a tendency to lend some dignity to this park approach, between Rice street and Western avenue.

The section of the avenue between the Great Northern Railway bridge and Dale street should be uniformly widened ten feet, so as to gain more driveway space on each side of the street car tracks.

The movement on the part of some interested citizens of the Eighth ward to have the street car tracks taken up on Como avenue and relocated on Front street would be a good solution of serving the purpose of an ornamental parkway into the city, but it is not likely that the Street Railway Company would vacate this short route for the longer one on Front street, and besides by far the larger number of visitors to the park are traveling by street car, so that the shorter route serves the convenience of the majority so far as reaching the park is concerned.

The ornamentation of the parkway is, nevertheless, of a paramount necessity to the city at large, its improvements on broad lines are dictated by the fact that provision must be made both for street railways and pleasure travel.

BOND ISSUES.

Through an act of the Legislature the city is authorized to issue its bonds for park purposes to the extent of \$300,000; the issue to be distributed over a period of six years. Under this authority \$50,000 were issued during this year for the purpose of helping to defray the cost of land needed for parkways; the chief expense for the near future will be Wheelock parkway, between Como and Phalen Parks. A cursory estimate for acquiring the land and for grading the roadway will, according to the superintendent's estimate, be \$125,000.

The River Boulevard acquisition and improvement for the next six years will likely amount to \$85,000. Improvements of the newly acquired Neighborhood Parks, \$15,000, and for macadamizing roadways, \$85,000.

This would use up the \$300,000 bond issue during the next six years without any money available for improvements of the existing park system.

The total park area of 1,401.54 acres, with 21 miles of driveways, buildings and fixtures to be kept in repair, would warrant a larger annual appropriation than \$90,000, the fixed charter limit. The maintenance expense during this year was \$70,000, which only left \$20,000 for improvements on the park system of the city.

IMPROVEMENT OF DRIVEWAYS.

The Board took steps to metalize all the park and boulevard drives, and with that end in view has ordered the establishing of a rock crushing plant which will be kept in operation to supply crushed stone for all the roadways of the park system. It is not expected that this can be accomplished all at once, but this work will be prosecuted as fast as the finances of the Board will permit.

For details and statements of cost of operation I would respectfully refer you to the reports of our Secretary and Superintendent.

I have the honor to be,

Yours respectfully,

H. W. TOPPING, President.

Report of the Superintendent.

To the Honorable, the Board of Park Commissioners.

Mr. H. W. Topping, President.

Gentlemen: The following is a report of the work performed during the year 1907:

CONSTRUCTION WORK—COMO PARK.

The rebuilding of the Lake Shore Drive, which was made necessary on account of abnormally high water, was completed by the middle of June and the roadway was in good condition for pleasure travel during the summer. The total distance which the roadbed had to be raised is 3,960 feet; it required 14,380 cubic yards of earth to do the filling, at an expense of \$5,248.55. An additional amount for graveeling and rolling of \$2,850 brings the total cost for this improvement to \$8,098.55.

BANDSTAND.

The Work for construction was let by contract; the expense being \$6,200. The plans were prepared by this office; its architectural outlines conform to those of the main pavilion. It fulfills its expected purpose admirably, inasmuch as it satisfies the public and the performing musicians alike; the dimensions are 40x40 feet.

PARK ENTRANCE.

The grading of the Como avenue entrance, according to plans and profiles adopted by your Board is mostly completed. In connection with this work all the low ground in the ten-acre tract between Union street and the Lake Shore drive was filled in so as to conform to existing contour lines and to the changes of grades caused by the opening of the park driveway. The grading of the planting spaces, the top-dressing with loam and the improving of the entrance circle remains to be done. This work required the moving of 37,000 cubic yards of earth at a cost of \$6,024.57.

SCHILLER MONUMENT.

And the Nathan Hale monument; the former erected by the German societies of the city in Como Park and the latter by the Nathan Hale Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, was erected in Portland Square. Both monuments are dedicated to the memory of patriots, each of them was a fighter for liberty in their respective calling. Both statues are apparently admirably placed, yet I would recommend to the Board that for future location of monuments on park grounds the Board refer the matter of both location and merits of monuments to an Art Commission; as the Board of Park Commissioners should not be burdened with criticizeable responsibilities clearly belonging to a craft fitted for it by long study and training.

The only expense connected with the placing of these monuments was \$277.01 for regrading the immediate surroundings of the Schiller monument in Como Park.

WATER MAINS.

Nearly the whole distance of the 4-inch main around the lake had to be taken up and relaid on higher ground, the expense of this work and material was \$736.94.

SHELTER BUILDING.

The floor in the so-called old station building was taken up; the excavation was filled in with sand and the wooden floor will be replaced with a cement stone floor; the expense so far was \$141.57.

PHALEN PARK.

Considerable grading on the Lake Shore drive and a section on the Arcade street entrance drive was done during the season. The island canal bridge approaches and 500 feet shore line on the small lake was completed. Extensive filling of settled portions of the amusement island had to be done, so as to keep its entire surface above the water level. A cement stone floor was laid in the basement of the pavilion. The surveys and plans for a sewage pumping plant, submitted to the Board late in fall, were adopted and a contract was let for its installation. Improvement expenses amounted to \$4,465.88.

INDIAN MOUNDS PARK.

The section of roadway between Mound street and Clermont street of the Hoffman avenue approach to the park was completed during the year. The expense was \$3,374.19.

CHEROKEE HEIGHTS PARK.

While it is the intention to, as little as possible, interfere with the topography of the natural bluff lines of this prominent outlook park, the harsh gap caused by the grading of Ohio street and the necessity to make the bluff side more accessible to pedestrians entails expenditures which would otherwise be eliminated altogether. The expenditures during the past year were \$1,932.11.

LEXINGTON AVENUE BOULEVARD.

The progress of grading of lawn spaces was considerably hampered by the scarcity of laborers and teams; for that reason the expected amount of work to be accomplished was not realized. The side lawns are 60 feet in width, and only three-quarters of a mile were completed, while it was calculated to finish one and one-half miles. The expenses were \$2,803.36.

RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD.

That section between Randolph street and the leased ground of the United States Government, nearly one mile long in its winding course, has been graded during the late fall. Considerably more work was contemplated to be done, but owing to scarcity of labor during the past summer, more could not be accomplished. A moderate crew of men is now employed stripping and preparing a place for to locate a stone crusher, as it is the intention to macadamize the whole distance of five miles of Riverside drive. The expenditures during the year were \$4,979.86.

MAINTENANCE.

The map of the city contains seventy-five different locations of parks and four playgrounds, with a total acreage of 1,401.54 acres, divided as follows: Landscape and scenic parks, 973.22 acres; neighborhood parks, 97.72 acres; sidehill terraces, 1.71 acres; street intersections and triangles, 3.42 acres; parkways, 315.47 acres; playgrounds, 10 acres. A considerable part of the expense incurred for maintenance goes to a daily routine of keeping the grounds, drinking fountains and buildings clean, which amount should by right come under a separate heading in the expense account of the department.

GRASS CUTTING ON CITY STREETS.

The each year increasing territory of side lawns on residence streets placed under the jurisdiction of the Park Department shows how that work is growing in popularity; in 1900 the Department cut eight miles, and 1907 it was 30.35 miles. The residence district on the Hill and on the avenues in Merriam Park are the foremost in thus contributing to the city's civic beauty.

	Feet.
Portland Avenue from Dale to Victoria.....	4,793
Ashland Avenue from Dale to Victoria.....	4,800
Holly Avenue from Dale to Victoria.....	4,803
Carroll Street from Mackubin to Chatsworth.....	9,431
Summit Avenue from Dale to Lexington.....	9,384
Aurora Avenue from Rice to Dale.....	9,474
Marion Street from Fuller to Charles.....	1,874
St. Peter Street from Central to Aurora.....	1,120
Fairmont Avenue from Dale to Victoria.....	4,739
Osceola Avenue from Pleasant to Victoria.....	4,271
Goodrich Avenue from Dale to Victoria.....	4,812
Avon Street from Summit to Osceola.....	3,200
Lincoln Avenue from Oakland to Victoria.....	6,396
Lincoln Avenue from Victoria to Oxford.....	3,594
Grand Avenue from Floral to Grotto.....	4,085
Grand Avenue from Avon to Victoria.....	1,204
Iglehart Street from Farrington to Lexington.....	15,255
Portland Avenue from Victoria to Oxford.....	3,173

Laurel Avenue from Dale to Chatsworth.....	6,857
Hague Avenue from Dale to Victoria.....	4,660
Marshall Avenue from Cleveland to Wheeler.....	5,662
Iglehart Street from Cleveland to Wheeler.....	5,350
Dayton Avenue from Dewey to Howell.....	1,000
Dewey Avenue from Dayton to Marshall.....	642
Carroll Street from Wheeler to Wilder.....	4,883
Wheeler Avenue from Shields to University.....	989
Feronia Street from Fairview to Prior.....	2,118
Dewey Avenue form St. Anthony to University.....	2,064
Summit Avenue from Wabasha to Dale.....	1,814
Western Avenue from Summit to Carroll.....	508
Portland Avenue from Western to Dale.....	446
Burr Street from Collins to Magnolia.....	8,094
Hall Avenue from Isabel to Prospect Terrace.....	1,385
Central Avenue from Cedar to Robert.....	645
St. Albans Street from Summit to Fairmount.....	2,590
Grotto Street from Grand to Selby.....	3,367
Milton Street from Fairmount to Summit.....	2,450
Goodrich Avenue from Victoria to Chatsworth.....	2,396
Capitol Boulevard from University to Como.....	1,840
Marshall from Wheeler to Pierce.....	1,674
Marshall from Victoria to Chatsworth.....	2,385
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Total.....	(30.35 miles) 160,227

GREENHOUSE AND FLORAL DECORATION.

The old and delapidated range of greenhouses were taken down and replaced with a partial new construction of seven houses. This will do service for a limited number of years, and by that time the Board perhaps will be able to construct a range of modern houses adequate to the need and importance of the park system.

The floral decoration in the parks of the city was as liberal as in former years, and was highly appreciated by the public. The planting in the different parks was as follows:

Como Park	91,006
Central Park	3,015
Rice Park	1,890
Courthouse Square	4,500
Smith Park	1,056
Lafayette Park	1,200
Summit Outlook	710
Crocus Hill Park	350
Holcombe Park	263
Oakland Park	110
Public Bath approach	615
Public Bath	1,570
Merriam Terrace Park	1,515
Lake Iris Park	1,060
Hampden Park	685
Langford Park	2,635
Commonwealth Park	225
Alden Place	145
Irvine Park	3,000
Lewis Park	350
Park Place	150
Summit Park	220
Indian Mounds Park	305
Fish Hatchery	370
Hamm's Park	180
Fifth Street East	70
Fountain Street	390
Forest Street Triangle	75
Terrace Park	160
Alice Park	265

Fairgrounds	3,160
Water Board	2,140
Fire Department	450
Miscellaneous	6,375
Total	130,202

DEPARTMENT OF TEAMS AND VEHICLES.

Total number of days worked by teams was 1,590.4 days.

Earned by park teams	\$6,361.60
Expense of keeping	3,726.90

Net earnings	\$2,634.70
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The expense of teams includes \$900 for feed, which was paid out of 1906 fund.

Value of horses	\$1,781.25
Depreciation on horses	89.62
Value of equipment	11,202.75
Depreciation on equipment	112.02

BLACKSMITHING.

Earnings of blacksmith	\$951.92
Expenditure	810.32
Net earnings	\$141.60

PUMPING STATION AND HEATING PLANT.

Number of gallons of water pumped in tank	33,539,424 gallons.
Coal consumed for pumping water	480,100 lbs. \$1,056.22
Coal consumed for heating	866,050 lbs. 1,926.62
Total	1,346,150 lbs. \$2,982.84

PARK NURSERY.

The Park Nursery is well stocked with a good supply of street and park trees, shrubs and vines; 1,136 trees and shrubs were taken out. The following is a list of trees planted:

COMO PARK.

Spirea "Anthony Waterer"	100
Climbing roses asst.	14
Deutzia "Pride of Rochester"	10
Kerria Japonica	10
Chionanthus Virginica	7
Aristolochia Siphon	10
Philadelphus	7
Tilia vulgaris	1
Arbor Vitea	2
Spirea "Van Houttei"	57
Lonicera	2
Hydrangea paniculata	24
Rhodotyphus Kerrioides	10
Calicanthus Floridus	10
Pinus divaricata	13
Berberis purpurea	7
Elms	6
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Total at Como.....	190

PHALEN PARK.

Viburnum	50
Lilacs	31
Berberis	12
Norway Pine	3
Lonicera	22
Elms	40
Dogwood	12
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Total for Phalen.....	170

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INDIAN MOUNDS PARK.

Elms 50

LYTON PLACE.

Elms 23

LEXINGTON BOULEVARD.

Elms 186

PLAYGROUNDS.

Elms 22

COMO AVENUE.

Elms 16

REPLANTED ON CITY STREETS.

Ashland Avenue	31	elms
St. Albans Street	41	"
Ayon Street	6	"
Summit Avenue	13	"
Osceola Street	73	"
Linwood Place	19	"
Grand Avenue	20	"
Carter Avenue	5	"
Fairmont Avenue	85	"
Cherokee Avenue	21	"
Lincoln Avenue	26	"
Goodrich Avenue	35	"
Bates Avenue	21	"

Total 396 elms.

MISCELLANEOUS PLANTING.

Elms	32
Catalpa	11
Ampelopsis	8
Asst. roses	23
Chionanthus	3
Robinia	3
Hydrangea	18
Spirea	12
Clematis	2
Berberis	23
Snowballs	4
Philadelphus	6
Colorado Spruce	3
Total	148

ADDITION TO NURSERY.

Acer ginala	100
Ampelopsis Engelmannii	500
Rosa Rugosa	500
Berberis Thunbergii	500
Spirea Anthony Waterer	500
Viburnum Opulus	390
Syringa Pekinensis	100
Syringa persica purpurea	100
Syringa persica alba	100
Syringa Rothomagensis	100
Total	2,890

TAKEN FROM NURSERY.

Hard maple	125
Soft maple	75
Elms	534
Boxelder	75
Berberis	37
Caroline poplars	50
Jack pine	13

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Norway pine	3
Colorado spruce	3
Arbor vitea	2
Linden	1
Catalpa	11
Philadelphus	13
Lilacs	31
Lonicera	22
Viburnum	54
Dogwood	12
Willows	75

Total 1,136

Trees sold were 404, for \$327.

The following is a list of trees and shrubs standing in nursery rows:

Ailanthus	300
Arbor vitea, American	2
Arbor vitea, Japanese dwarf.....	38
Acer ginala	100
Ampelopsis Engelmanii	550
Ash	778
Birch (paper).....	137
Birch, cutleaf weeping	16
Boxelder	2,588
Berberis Thunbergii	572
Buck thorn	1,244
Butternut	38
Bull pine	20
Basswood	27
Berberis canadensis	330
Berberis purpurea	197
Catalpa	70
Catalpa, Kaempferii seedlings	6,000
Caragana arborescens	1,025
Cotoneaster	60
Dogwood	380
Deutzia scabra	6
Euonimus	100
Euonimus, Makii	15
Elms	11,376

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Flowering crab	160
Grape vine	20
Gymnogladiis	25
Horse chestnut	1,702
Horse chestnut seedlings	500
Honey locust	2
Hemlock	110
Honey suckles	162
Hickory	26
Hydrangea	564
Highbush cranberry	430
Jack pine	23
Juniperus	36
Iron wood	50
Lilac	700
Mayday trees	25
Mountain ash	25
Maple, soft	300
Maple, sugar	82
Oak	23
Peonias	500
Pine, white	19
Poplars	28
Philadelphus	265
Phlox	31
Roses, asst.	135
Rosa rugosa	500
Tamarix	22
Russian currant	97
Snowballs	864
Sumach, cutleaf	14
Spruce, asst.	495
Spireas	575
Syringa	400
Wistaria	50
Willows, asst.	2,132

SMALL PARKS.

An appropriation must be made in the near future for to renovate the lawn spaces in mostly all the down-town parks. The turf and planting is starved out by the long succession of cultivation and by the hard usage they are subjected to every summer and winter. The replenishing and extension of seating capacity should be kept up next year in the same proportions as during the past two years, so as to give complete relief of the congestion of the seating capacity experienced in the past.

SKATING RINK.

The number of people patronizing the rink is an ever increasing one; each year the ice spaces are enlarged to accommodate the great multitude that gather for the favorite sport of skating. The spacious warming rooms provided in the basement of the Pavilion proved very convenient and adequate.

BAND CONCERTS.

The park concerts given during the season were of unusually high order. The programs were varied, and enjoyed by the public. The number of concerts during the season were 71; at a cost of \$6,635, of which \$1,500 was a donation by the Street Railway Co.

PHALEN PARK AMUSEMENT FEATURES.

The insufficient and undignified character of the structures erected and put to use for the public as amusement devices, together with an incapable management of these privileges, has brought disastrous results not only to the lessee of those privileges in monetary losses, but perhaps in a large measure to the reputation of the park itself. Its wealth of picturesque natural features and aesthetic propriety are degraded by the screeching sounds of organs and whistles and the deafening noise of roller coasters and miniature railways, etc., the innovation of which was a mistake, and should be rectified as soon as opportunity permits.

BOATING ON PARK WATERS.

The maintenance of rowboats on park lakes seems to serve a necessity of the people for healthy recreation. The ever increasing demand for boating accommodation, especially at Como Park, will shortly reach its limits, as the number of boats which can be safely operated will be dictated by the water area of the lake, which is only 102 acres. The provisions for boating on Lake Phalen were sufficient to meet the demand. The large boat was only in service on Sundays, and the demand for its use has somewhat abated during the year. The total number of launch tickets sold was 48,475, and of rowboats, 25,074. The total cash income was \$9,185.30, of which \$5,897.90 was from Como business, and the balance of \$3,287.40 for Phalen receipts.

SUMMIT AVENUE BOULEVARD.

With the exception of the roadways, the Board assumed maintenance of the entire distance from Lexington Parkway to the river, a distance of two and one-half miles. The lawns were kept in good condition, and all the trees were trimmed. Most of the trees are suffering from want of care, nearly all of them are sod-bound and should be mulched. The grass on the sidelawns was not cut; this should be paid for by abutting property, the same as is done on other residence streets.

RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD.

The maintenance of the roadway between Marshall avenue and Randolph street, a distance of two miles in its course, was not expensive. The policing of the grounds are a far more complicated matter, chiefly on account of its extent. The illegal carrying of firearms by boys, and the shooting of game or birds on the premises, is often dangerous for pedestrians or to people in carriages, and is hard to suppress. Another evil of lasting damage to the woodland is the setting of fire to dead leaves and underbrush, a repetition of which will in a few years leave the river bluff barren of vegetation.

A reducing of the grade on shadow falls ravine would be of a great benefit and convenience to users of automobiles. The present road grade for a short distance is 7.5 per cent. This should be readjusted to 4.5 per cent. This would place the driveway closer to the edge of the ravine, but it would be as dangerous to automobiles as the present steep grade.

Results of the season's work and transactions of the business will be shown in the following details:

MAINTENANCE.**GENERAL EXPENDITURE.**

Administration	\$6,590.32	
Printing and stationery	458.10	
Purchase of dump cars and rails.....	769.50	
Purchase of wheel scrapers.....	67.00	
New lawn mowers	57.60	
Miscellaneous tools and repairs.....	459.95	
	<hr/>	\$8,397.47

BUILDINGS.

Painting and repairing park buildings.....	\$2,166.37	
Insurance	30.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,196.37

GREENHOUSE.

General work	\$3,206.83	
Hauling material	82.27	
Greenhouse repair and removing old houses.....	187.72	
Purchase of plants, bulbs and seed.....	180.19	
Purchase of flower pots, etc.....	94.30	
	<hr/>	\$3,751.31

HORSES, WAGON AND BLACKSMITHING.

General work	\$1,766.30	
Stall repair	80.50	
Purchase of one horse.....	175.00	
Medical attendance to horses.....	17.05	
Harness repair and new parts.....	56.43	
Blacksmith's wages	624.80	
Wagon repair and painting.....	88.30	
Blacksmith supply	185.52	
Repair on pump.....	8.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,001.90

NURSERY.

Cleaning and transplanting trees and shrubs.....	\$638.35	
Purchase of trees and shrubs.....	192.21	
	<hr/>	\$830.56

AUTOMOBILE.

Driver	\$428.00	
Gasoline	143.97	
New tubes and tire repair.....	193.80	
Miscellaneous repairs and supplies.....	130.63	
Gasoline tank and pump.....	124.20	
	<hr/>	\$1,020.60

COMO PARK.

PUMPING STATION AND HEATING.

Engineers	\$1,739.50	
Firemen	1,277.38	
Purchase of coal.....	2,982.84	
Hauling and storing coals.....	302.32	
Boiler compound and engine oil.....	232.35	
	<hr/>	\$6,534.39

BOATS AND BOAT DOCK.

Purchase of new boats.....	\$1,400.00	
Painting and repairing boats.....	538.46	
Material for repairs.....	82.04	
Relaying boat dock.....	298.05	
Boatmen	777.22	
Oars and oarlocks.....	58.80	
Boat tickets	89.04	
Time stamp, etc.....	18.35	
	<hr/>	\$3,261.96

SIGHT-SEEING CAR.

Engineer and conductor	\$386.50	
Gasoline	109.98	
New tires and repair.....	217.40	
Oil, chains and miscellaneous repairs.....	85.66	
	<hr/>	\$799.54

AUTOMOBILE GARAGE.

Roof covering	\$33.00	
Nails, etc.	11.90	
	<hr/>	\$44.90

COMFORT STATIONS.

Matrons	\$329.00	
Repair	4.75	
	<hr/>	\$324.75

PLAYGROUND.

Matron	\$140.00	
Swing repair	29.12	
	<hr/>	\$169.12

PICNIC GROUND.

Janitor	\$201.30	
Miscellaneous supplies	4.30	
	<hr/>	\$205.60

WATERWORKS.

Repair	\$184.25	
	<hr/>	\$184.25

ANIMALS.

Keeper	\$348.99	
Feed	69.77	
	<hr/>	\$418.76

30 REPORT OF BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS,

SKATING RINK AND RACE TRACK.

Cleaning ice	\$92.61	
	<hr/>	\$92.61

JAPANESE GARDEN.

Cutting grass	171.14	
	<hr/>	\$171.14

FLORAL DISPLAY.

Planting, watering and cleaning.....	\$733.32	
	<hr/>	\$733.32

ROADS AND WALKS.

Cleaning and repairing roads.....	\$986.28	
Salt for road cleaning.....	66.00	
Teams sprinkling	234.49	
	<hr/>	\$1,286.77

LAWNS.

Spreading and raking manure.....	\$764.31	
Sodding and seeding lawns.....	936.24	
Purchase of grass seed.....	23.00	
Cutting and raking grass.....	2,888.65	
	<hr/>	\$4,612.20

TREES AND SHRUBS.

Uncovering and covering	\$183.77	
Tree trimmer	665.57	
	<hr/>	\$849.34

LILY POND.

Repair on lily pond	\$27.65	
	<hr/>	\$27.65

LAKE.

Cleaning lake	\$12.00	
	<hr/>	\$12.00

POLICE FORCE.

Park police	\$2,817.10	
Watchmen	1,834.65	
	<hr/>	\$4,651.75

CONCERTS.

Band concerts	\$6,635.00	
	<hr/>	\$6,635.00

GENERAL WORK.

Cleaning park	\$1,179.59	
Repair and painting fences and settees.....	227.25	
Paint	63.53	
	<hr/>	\$1,470.37
Total maintenance for Como		<hr/> \$32,485.42

PHALEN PARK.

BOATS.

Repairing and painting	\$256.01	
Lumber, etc., for repairs.....	82.04	
Boat tickets	89.04	
Oars, etc.	75.65	
Boatmen	578.12	
Insurance on boats	62.50	
Boat dock repairs.....	189.96	
Lumber, etc., for boat dock repairs.....	48.62	
	<hr/>	\$1,381.94

LAUNCH.

Gasoline	\$56.12	
Spark coil	45.00	
Insurance on launch	62.50	
Storing and repairs.....	50.30	
Launch crew	90.80	
	<hr/>	\$304.72

SHEEP.

Feed	\$12.19	
Purchase of one ram.....	8.55	
Shearing sheep	15.75	
	<hr/>	\$36.49

COMFORT STATION.

Matron	\$160.00	
Toilet paper	3.25	
Cleaning cess-pool	150.00	
	<hr/>	\$313.25

WATERWORKS.

Pumping water	\$64.00	
Gasoline for pump	20.90	
	<hr/>	\$84.90

CUSTODIAN HOUSE.

Insurance	\$10.00	
	<hr/>	\$10.00

ROADS.

Road repair	\$86.79	
Teams sprinkling	30.00	
	<hr/>	\$116.79

LAWNS.

Cutting and raking grass.....	\$718.89	
	<hr/>	\$718.89

POLICE FORCE.

Park police	\$650.00	
Watchmen	879.37	
	<hr/>	\$1,329.37

GENERAL WORK.

Cleaning park	\$643.98	
	<hr/>	\$643.98

MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES.

Purchase of hay mower.....	\$50.10	
	<hr/>	\$50.10
Total for Phalen Park.....		\$4,990.43

INDIAN MOUNDS PARK.

GENERAL WORK.

Cutting grass and cleaning.....	\$1,025.31	
Purchase of fence and fence posts.....	\$23.65	
	<hr/>	\$1,048.96

POLICE FORCE.

Park police	\$325.00	
Watchmen	333.36	
	<hr/>	\$658.36
Total for Indian Mounds Park.....		\$1,707.32

CITY PARKS.

Hamm's Park	\$26.37
Summit Outlook	148.70
Holcombe Park	71.57
Hampden Park	206.79
Merriam Terrace Park	442.61
Summit Park	212.09
Irvine Park	192.15

Rice Park	306.77	
Public Bath approach	218.07	
Smith Park	214.72	
Lafayette Park	211.05	
Central Park	417.71	
Oakland Park	305.44	
Lewis Park	189.60	
Lyton Place.....	59.41	
Alice Park	91.96	
Terrace Park	91.95	
Langford Park	392.11	
Lake Iris Park.....	134.88	
Commonwealth Park	207.19	
Police and watchmen.....	874.50	
Planting flowers and cleaning parks.....	286.04	
Fountains, repairs and painting.....	202.49	
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		\$5,504.17

LEXINGTON BOULEVARD.

Watchman	\$222.25	
Road repair	130.46	
Teams, sprinkling	140.90	
Watering trees and cutting weeds.....	60.00	
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		\$553.61

RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD.

Watchmen	\$435.50	
Road repair	220.96	
Bridge repair	40.51	
		<hr/>
		\$696.97

SUMMIT BOULEVARD.

Cutting grass	\$734.40	
Trimming trees	306.10	
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		\$1,040.50

COMO BOULEVARD.

Cutting grass	\$183.38	
Road repair	20.75	
	<hr/>	\$204.13

COMO AVENUE, BETWEEN RICE AND WESTERN.

Cutting weeds	\$14.20	
	<hr/>	\$14.20

CITY STREETS.

Grass cutting	\$2,603.61	
Abstracting assessment for grass cutting.....	181.00	
Replanting trees	192.77	
	<hr/>	\$2,977.38

OUTSIDE WORK.

Trimming trees and miscellaneous work.....	\$233.09	
	<hr/>	\$233.09
Total maintenance		\$69,605.43

BETTERMENTS—COMO PARK.**WATERWORKS.**

Relaying water main around lake.....	\$475.06	
Pipes and fittings.....	261.88	
	<hr/>	\$736.94

TREES AND SHRUBS.

Planting and transplanting trees.....	\$244.74	
	<hr/>	\$244.74

PAVILION.

Cleaning and whitewashing basement.....	\$213.92	
Telephone booth and switchboard cabinet.....	133.34	
	<hr/>	\$352.26

BANDSTAND.

Removing old bandstand	\$140.55	
	<hr/>	\$140.55

OLD CAR STATION.

Tearing out floor and miscellaneous repairs.....	\$141.57	
	<hr/>	\$141.57

LAKE SHORE AND BOULEVARD.

Filling in and grading lake shore.....	\$1,859.18	
Raising and grading lake drive.....	3,389.37	
	<hr/>	\$5,248.55

LILY POND.

Excavating	\$79.60	
	<hr/>	\$79.60
Total		\$6,944.21

PHALEN PARK.

WATERWORKS.

Moving pump and pump-house	\$70.25	
Cement for pump foundation.....	5.34	
Pipes and fittings	126.60	
Asbestos	1.20	
	<hr/>	\$203.39

PAVILION.

Excavating and grading basement.....	\$301.58	
Laying tiles in basement.....	450.00	
	<hr/>	\$751.58

TREES AND SHRUBS.

Planting trees and shrubs.....	\$146.63	
	<hr/>	\$146.63

ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Installing electric light at boat-house, etc.....	\$49.50	
	<hr/>	\$49.50

INDIAN MOUNDS PARK.**TREES AND SHRUBS.**

Planting trees and shrubs.....	\$18.00	
	<hr/>	\$18.00

COMO AVENUE BOULEVARD.**ROAD.**

Resurfacing road	\$57.67	
	<hr/>	\$57.67

TERRACE PARK.**STEPS.**

Rebuilding steps	\$83.79	
	<hr/>	\$83.79

SUMMIT OUTLOOK.**FENCE.**

Building fence	\$21.45	
	<hr/>	\$21.45

Total betterment		\$8,276.22
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IMPROVEMENTS—COMO PARK.**GREENHOUSE.**

Construction labor	\$881.31	
Lumber, doors, etc.....	1,105.05	
Glass, putty, etc.....	269.02	
Ventilators and fittings.....	108.81	
Nails and miscellaneous.....	32.79	
	<hr/>	\$2,396.98

COMO BOULEVARD APPROACH.

Grading	\$6,024.57	
	<hr/>	\$6,024.57

SCHILLER MONUMENT.

Laying foundation.....	\$151.46	
Grading	125.55	
	<hr/>	\$277.01

BANDSTAND.

Building bandstand (contract).....	\$6,200.00	
Music room	53.83	
Miscellaneous supplies	9.86	
	<hr/>	\$6,263.69

PAVILION.

Constructing platform, labor and material.....	\$236.46	
Laying floor in dining-room.....	969.00	
Painting dining-room	44.58	
	<hr/>	\$1,250.04

PERGOLA.

Building steps and platform.....	\$328.04	
	<hr/>	\$328.04

STEPS.

Building steps to playground.....	\$35.50	
	<hr/>	\$35.50

Total improvement for Como.....		\$16,575.83
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PHALEN PARK.

BRIDGE APPROACH.

Grading and building retaining wall.....	\$435.07	
	<hr/>	\$435.07

ISLAND.

Filling in and grading.....	\$218.00	
	<hr/>	\$218.00

LAKE SHORE DRIVE.

Road construction	\$2,146.40	
	<hr/>	\$2,146.40

LAWNS.

Grading and sodding.....	\$341.39	
	<hr/>	\$341.39

SEWER.

Constructing cess-pool	\$97.82	
	<hr/>	\$97.82

GENERAL WORK.

Abstracting land	\$76.10	
	<hr/>	\$76.10

Total for Phalen		\$3,314.78
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INDIAN MOUNDS PARK.**HOFFMAN AVENUE APPROACH.**

Road construction	\$3,110.54	
Sewer pipe and cement for culverts.....	263.65	
	<hr/>	\$3,374.19

LEXINGTON BOULEVARD.

Grading roads and lawns.....	\$2,640.69	
Planting trees	71.67	
Purchase of grass seed.....	80.50	
Abstracting land	10.50	
	<hr/>	\$2,803.36

PUBLIC BATH APPROACH.

Constructing concrete steps	\$374.00	
	<hr/>	\$374.00

RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD.

Road construction	\$3,979.36	
Purchase of sewer pipe.....	90.00	
Building bridge	799.40	
Appraising and abstracting land.....	107.60	
Miscellaneous supplies	3.50	
	<hr/>	\$4,979.86

RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD "NORTH."

Surveying	\$235.00	
	<hr/>	\$235.00

WHEELOCK PARKWAY.

Surveying	\$256.86	
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CHEROKEE HEIGHTS PARK.

Grading	\$1,932.11	
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COMO AVENUE (WEST OF WESTERN).

Grading	\$417.56	
Planting trees	19.50	
Abstracting land	13.35	
	<hr/>	\$450.41

LANGFORD PARK.

Building new bridge	\$165.81	
	<hr/>	\$165.81

ROGERS PARK.

Abstracting	\$12.80	
	<hr/>	\$12.80

COLLEGE PARK.

Abstracting	\$4.00	
	<hr/>	\$4.00

CITY PARKS.

Planting trees	\$112.59	
Purchase of settees.....	200.00	
	<hr/>	\$312.59

Total improvement		<hr/>
		\$34,791.60

EXPENDITURE FOR EACH PARK.

	Mainte- nance.	Better- ments.	Improve- ment.	Total.
General Expenditure	\$19,198.21	.....	.....	\$19,198.21
Como Park	32,485.42	\$6,944.21	\$16,575.83	56,005.46
Phalen Park	4,990.43	1,151.10	3,314.78	9,456.31
Indian Mounds Park.....	1,707.32	18.00	3,374.19	5,099.51
Lexington Boulevard	553.61	.....	2,893.36	3,356.97
Riverside Boulevard	696.97	.....	4,979.86	5,676.83
Riverside Boulevard North .....	.....	.....	235.00	235.00
Summit Boulevard	1,040.50	.....	.....	1,040.50
Como Boulevard	204.13	57.67	.....	261.80
Como Av. (Rice to Western)	14.20	.....	450.41	464.61
Cherokee Heights Park....	.....	.....	1,932.11	1,932.11
Hamm's Park	26.37	.....	.....	26.37
Summit Outlook	148.70	21.45	.....	170.15
Holcombe Park	71.57	.....	.....	71.57
Hampden Park	206.79	.....	.....	206.79
Merriam Terrace Park....	442.61	.....	.....	442.61
Summit Park	212.09	.....	.....	212.09
Irvine Park	192.15	.....	.....	192.15
Rice Park	306.77	.....	.....	306.77
Public Bath Approach	218.07	.....	374.00	592.07
Smith Park	214.72	.....	.....	214.72
Lafayette Park	211.05	.....	.....	211.05
Central Park	417.71	.....	.....	417.71
Oakland Park	305.44	.....	.....	305.44
Lewis Park	189.60	.....	.....	189.60
Lytton Place	59.41	.....	.....	59.41
Alice Park	91.96	.....	.....	91.96
Terrace Park	91.95	83.79	.....	175.74
Langford Park	392.11	.....	165.81	557.92
Lake Iris Park	134.88	.....	.....	134.88
Commonwealth Park	207.19	.....	.....	207.19
City Parks (general work).	1,363.03	.....	312.59	1,675.62
City Streets	2,977.38	.....	.....	2,977.38
Wheelock Parkway .....	.....	.....	256.86	256.86
Rogers Park .....	.....	.....	12.80	12.80
College Park .....	.....	.....	4.00	4.00
Outside work	233.09	.....	.....	233.09
Total	\$69,605.43	\$8,276.22	\$34,791.60	\$112,673.25

TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR EACH MONTH

January	\$6,030.51
February	3,638.19
March	5,306.27
April	6,818.37
May	8,451.85
June	14,353.18
July	12,512.33
August	16,632.01
September	14,259.89
October	11,847.52
November	6,502.92
December	6,320.21
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Total	\$112,673.25

CASH RECEIPTS.

Balance season 1906	\$79.00
Boat receipts Como.....	5,897.90
Boat receipts Phalen.....	2,802.65
Sight-seeing Car	2,176.50
Launch receipts	484.75
Boat permits Phalen.....	20.00
Refreshment privileges at Como Park.....	3,750.00
Refreshment privileges at Phalen Park.....	1,500.00
Refreshment privileges at Indian Mounds Park...	300.00
Ground rent at Phalen Park.....	90.00
Ground rent at Indian Mounds Park.....	40.00
Contribution to music at Como Park.....	1,500.00
Outside work	233.09
Hay sold at Como Park.....	526.00
Hay sold at Phalen Park.....	123.00
Hay sold at Indian Mounds Park.....	32.00
Old boats sold	220.00
Sale of sand and rock.....	63.75
Sale of sheep wool.....	50.94
Sale of sheep.....	35.60
Sale of old building at Indian Mounds Park.....	50.00
Garbage hauling from Como Park pavilion.....	22.00
Garbage hauling from Phalen pavilion.....	16.50

Sale of old iron.....	16.50	
Unclaimed laborer's check	2.10	
Trees sold	327.00	
Sale of empty barrels.....	9.70	
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Total		\$20,368.98
Paid to City Treasurer.....	\$20,327.98	
Cash on hand.....	41.00	
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		\$20,368.98

Detail report of receipts and expenditures on Boats, Launch and Sight-Seeing Car.

SIGHT-SEEING CAR.

Purchase price of car, including freight, \$3,135.35.

Total earnings during years 1906-07.....	\$4,656.00
Maintenance expense during years 1906-07.....	1,581.58

Net earnings	\$3,074.42
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Number of days car was running 213.

Number of miles per day 44.5 miles.

Total mileage, 9,478.5.

Net earning*per mile 32.4 cents.

BOATS.

Number of boats 300.

Value of boats \$7,500.

Total earnings during season 1907.....	\$8,700.55
Maintenance expense	3,243.90

Net earnings	\$5,456.65
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GASOLINE LAUNCH.

Purchase price of Launch \$2,600.

Total earnings season 1907.....	\$484.75
Maintenance expense	304.72

Net earnings	\$180.03
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NUMBER OF DAYS WORKED, SEASON 1907.

	Foreman, Engineer, Timekeeper, Clerk	Mechanics, Skilled Labor Firemen	Park Police Watchmen	Laborers	Teams	Total
January	195.7	933.0	212.0	153.4	105.0	1,599.1
February	202.8	165.0	213.0	898.8	132.0	1,611.6
March	160.5	179.0	192.0	534.6	125.5	1,191.6
April	201.5	169.9	212.0	1,058.1	166.0	1,807.5
May	279.0	653.1	172.0	1,348.9	272.1	2,725.1
June	350.0	1,227.6	517.0	1,955.9	324.6	4,375.6
July	359.0	1,031.0	689.0	2,670.3	344.0	5,093.3
August	395.5	1,098.8	726.0	2,997.6	383.6	5,601.5
September ...	381.8	1,111.6	734.1	2,673.6	349.7	5,250.3
October	375.0	1,045.8	654.0	1,981.6	285.2	4,341.6
November ...	235.0	1,258.7	246.0	637.8	240.0	2,617.5
December ...	283.6	1,028.8	204.0	463.9	198.5	2,178.8
Total	3,419.4	9,902.3	4,771.1	17,374.5	2,926.2	38,393.5

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS.

The attempt made to pave the way for elaborate improvements of the Como Avenue Playground was blocked by citizens of the vicinity in opposing the proposed vacation and readjustment of the existing streets, the relaying of which would have deprived access to the property now served. It was the intention to improve the Como Playgrounds into a model playground, which is not possible with the present streets cutting the grounds in diagonal courses. The Arlington Hill Playground will now reap the rejected opportunity of the Como grounds, and a beginning has already been made to construct an up-to-date playground building on this ground.

The recently acquired Second ward playground is not well adapted for the purpose it is intended to serve, its grade is too abrupt to procure level space without spoiling the property for access. I would recommend to exchange the property for a more favorable site of equal dimensions and in the immediate vicinity of the Sibley School.

The improvement of the Fifth ward ground, at Palace and View streets, should receive early attention.

The maintaining of the Lafayette playground, even as a temporary venture, was ill-advised. The very fact that the premises were surrounded by a high fence should have forbidden its use; the tough and lawless element took refuge behind the sheltering high board fence escaping at the approach of an officer through convenient openings. The cost of maintaining that ground was too costly for the benefit returned.

The Supervisor of the Playgrounds, Mr. Carl Rothfuss, done excellent service; his painstaking devotion to his duties advanced the cause and beneficial influence of playground work in our city to an extent both commensurate with the expense and with credit to the management.

The City Playgrounds contain 10 acres, as follows: Como Avenue, 3.1 acres; Arlington Hills, 2.38 acres; Fifth ward, 2.92 acres; Second ward, 1.6 acres.

I would respectfully recommend that no more additional land for playgrounds be acquired until the at present owned grounds are first improved and fitted out.

PLAYGROUNDS ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Annual appropriation	\$10,000.00
Balance from 1906 fund.....	3,904.07
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Total Receipts	\$13,904.07

EXPENDITURES.

Payroll for employes.....	\$3,562.94
Purchase of ice planer.....	127.79
Printing Park reports	69.60
Tools, apparatus, etc.	592.11
Water rent	52.65
Planting trees	73.50
Purchase of land.....	4,300.00
Building shelter house	3,577.10
Miscellaneous supplies	274.36
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Total Expenditure	\$12,630.05
Balance	\$1,274.02
For equipment and management, see Playgrounds Committee report.	

Recommendations.

WHEELOCK PARKWAY.

After careful study of present and future conditions which may present themselves, and after long and deliberate consideration of the city's need, interest and welfare, a suitable route for a parkway between Como and Phalen Parks has been located and surveyed. The plans were submitted to and adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners. The route follows the natural curves of the summit encircling the city on its northern boundary, commanding a series of changing views of the wide expanse of the city to the south, and the panoramic country scenery to the north for miles in extent. It is planned to acquire a strip of land 120 feet wide; forty feet of this for driveway and eighty feet for ornamentation. This improvement will convert the at present undesirable property into a charming residence district of greatly enhanced value. For that reason it is expected that the holders of large tracts of land can well afford to donate the strip of land needed for the Boulevard.

The proposed viaduct over the Soo railway and across the roadway on the waterworks right of way are perhaps the costliest crossings to be constructed. This bridge will be about 150 feet in length. The only other railway crossing is under the right of way of the Wisconsin Central Railway, and does not require a large amount of money.

RESERVE BOULEVARD.

Plans are now under way of preparation for this parkway. The surveys contemplate a strip of land 200 feet wide along the bluff from Fort Snelling bridge to Otto avenue. Owing to the rapid building operations of the district the Board should take action in the near future to secure the land needed. In addition to and in connection with this contemplated acquisition, it is proposed to acquire a strip of land from Seventh street south to connect Lexington avenue in its diverted course on Pleasant avenue to the River Drive, thus linking Como Park and the River Boulevard together by a parkway route in a north and south direction. It is not intended to widen Lexington avenue south of Summit avenue, nor should the Park Commissioners extend its jurisdiction so as to cover this section of Lexington avenue as a parkway proper, its present width of 80 feet is ample for a treatment of improvement and beautification by abutting owners, which is the best and only thing left to be done.

It would have been better if this section of Lexington avenue could have been widened to the same extent as the section north of Summit avenue to Como Park, but the extensive improvements placed close to the street line south of Summit avenue prohibits the uniform widening of the grand boulevard to 160 feet wide.

RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD "NORTH."

With the practically accomplished task of construction work the whole distance of the driveway from Marshall avenue south to the Fort Snelling bridge comes a clearer impression of the necessity to complete the most important section of the whole distance; that is, the driveway north from Marshall avenue to the city limits. This forms the connecting link of a grand boulevard circuit unparalleled in the country as to its scope, and unexcelled as to its scenic aspects. The dedication of the boulevard by the landowners 200 feet wide looks (on paper) as a generous and ample provision for this worthy purpose, but of this 200 foot strip of ground for its entire distance vastly more than one-half its width overhangs the steep bluff of the river bank and is cut by a number of sineous deep ravines. These are appropriate in the landscape picture, but not desirable when encountered by roadway construction. The large ravine just north of the Town and Country Club offers a problem of much difficulty inasmuch as it would require a bridge 240 feet long to span the ravine, 70 feet above the bottom of the ravine. The estimated cost for a suitable bridge would be \$36,000; this at best would form an unpardonable eyesore in the pleasing and picturesque scenery of the vicinity, and could only be excused if no other and more satisfactory way would present itself. Aside from the cardinal requirements of economy in future maintenance expense of the driveway, it is of equal importance to preserve the natural advantage offered by the surroundings. It is, therefore, intended to grade the roadway in natural winding courses down into the ravine and across the creek above the waterfall, thereby giving fuller development and emphasis to the existing elements of scenery, which would be lost by bringing the roadway across a high bridge. To accomplish this improvement as outlined, it will be necessary to acquire Lot C, Desnoyer's Park Addition. The land embraced in this lot is a beautiful woodland tract, but its use for building sites are prohibited by its wet swampy condition, its only legitimate use is for park purposes, and should be acquired at a reasonable price, as existing provisions of the park law imposes a legal limit on exorbitant prices demanded by owners.

The acquisition of the land consisting of the west 50 feet of all the lots in Blocks 18, 19 and 30 is needed on account of as stated above. The too narrow limits of available space for the driveway, the grade of which for a considerable distance will be too low for convenient access to the abutting property. The plan of the improvement contemplates a service drive for the convenience of the abutting frontage coinciding closely with the natural surface. Therefore it is expected that the needed land will be acquired free of charge to the city.

The progress of our park system both in expanse and development was very satisfactory during the past season, and I want to take this opportunity to thank all who have assisted in its promotion.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED NUSSBAUMER,
Superintendent of Parks.

PARK STATISTICS TO JANUARY 1, 1908.

PARKS.	Year of Acquisition	COST TO DATE.			Area Acres	Length of	
		Land	Const'ct'n	Total		Walks Miles	Drives Miles
Improved Parks.							
Como Park	1873-1906	\$140,733.39	\$795,562.56	\$936,295.95	423.09	5.4	10.00
Phalen Park	1894-1906	76,331.47	94,106.46	170,437.93	461.18	.5	.6
Indian Mounds Park	1893-1907	136,995.50	53,008.99	190,004.49	70.03	1.2	2.
Summit Outlook	1886-1890	41,388.00	12,473.04	53,861.04	.46	.09	
Central Park	1884	Dedicated	16,694.46	16,694.46	2.35	.28	
Alice Park	1879	Dedicated	3,675.70	3,675.70	.56		
Hampden Park	1890	No dedic.	8,148.39	8,148.39	3.09	.24	
Irvine Park	1849	Dedicated	10,958.44	10,958.44	3.58	.2	
Lafayette Park	1884-5-6	34,588.00	10,471.53	45,159.53	1.01	.2	
Lake Iris Park	1884-1901	3,291.22	4,565.40	7,856.62	1.9	.11	
Langford Park	1890	No dedic.	7,270.07	7,270.07	9.65	.5	
Lewis Park	1883	Dedicated	2,873.96	2,873.96	.85	.11	
Merriam Terrace Park	1883	Dedicated	15,092.31	15,092.31	7.62	.6	
Rice Park	1849	Dedicated	14,391.64	14,391.64	1.6	.02	
Smith Park	1849	Dedicated	10,268.55	10,268.55	2.06	.22	
Summit Park	1883	10,000.00	11,457.50	21,457.50	.79	.11	
Commonwealth Park	1902	Dedicated	1,337.70	1,337.70	1.		
Cherokee Heights Park	1903-6	23,818.30	3,310.54	27,128.84	19.27		
Alden Square	1890	No dedic.	1,171.15	1,171.15	.28		
Holcombe Park	1857	Dedicated	4,129.69	4,129.69	.12		
Crocus Hill	1883-8	Dedicated	2,512.34	2,512.34	.18		
La Roy Triangle	1885	Dedicated	489.75	489.75	.09		
Sunshine Triangle	1885	Dedicated	484.57	484.57	.08		
Van Slyke Triangle	1885	Dedicated	485.47	485.47	.13		
Lytton Place	1883	Dedicated	654.18	654.18	.32		
Park Place	1887	Dedicated	1,381.29	1,381.29	.45		
Terace Park	1855	Donated	2,403.27	2,403.27	1.25	.06	

PARK STATISTICS TO JANUARY 1, 1908, Continued.

PARKS.	Year of Acquisition	COST TO DATE.			Area Acres	Length of Walks Miles	Length of Drives Miles
		Land	Const'ct'n	Total			
Improved Parks.							
Point of View Park.....	1888	Dedicated	674.96	674.96	.39	.....	.....
Portland Place.....	1882	.....	806.35	806.35	.16	.....	.....
Olive Street Triangle.....	1872	.....	896.49	896.49	.06	.....	.....
Pleasant Triangle.....	1903	Acqu.City	129.81	129.81	.15	.....	.....
Oakland Park.....	1884	.....	1,103.04	1,103.04	1.2	.....	.....
Hamm Park.....	1904	No dedic.	558.06	558.06	.5	.....	.....
Cromwell Park.....	1890	Dedicated	833.88	833.88	.16	.....	.....
Public Baths Approach.....	1903-05	.....	1,403.03	1,403.03	2.2	.....	.....
Feronia Square.....	1884	Dedicated	222.17	222.17	.02	.....	.....
Hampden Square.....	1890	.....	341.40	341.40	.02	.....	.....
Forest Street Triangle.....	1902	200.00	225.36	425.36	.03	.....	.....
Riverside Boulevard.....	1903-06	24,442.50	31,210.85	55,662.35	177.29	.....	2.75
Lexington Boulevard.....	1902-05	72,527.10	15,220.43	87,747.53	36.8	.....	2.5
Summit Boulevard.....	1885-1901	1,654.25	113,409.36	115,063.61	67.63	2.5	5
Como Boulevard.....	1899-1906	30,550.00	10,280.82	40,830.82	21.63	3.6	1.8
Midway Parkway.....	1901	Cond'mn'd	9,442.69	9,442.69	12.12	1.5	1.5
Public Playgrounds.....	1904-07	18,600.00	19,503.61	38,103.61	10.	.....	.....

PARKS.	Year of Acquisition	COST TO DATE.			Area Acres Land	Walks Miles	Drives Miles
		Land	Const'ct'n	Total			
Unimproved Parks.							
College Park	1907	\$3,128.53	.....	\$3,128.53	4.21	.....	.....
Hor'on Park	1907	5,000.00	.....	5,000.00	3.48	.....	.....
Newel Park	1907	.....	.....	.....	8.43	.....	.....
Stewart Park	1885	Dedicated	.....	.....	1.36	.....	.....
Dawson Park	1884	Dedicated	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....
Haldeman Park	1883	Dedicated	.....	.....	1.48	.....	.....
Lockwood Park	1883	Dedicated	.....	.....	.73	.....	.....
Lamphrey Park	1885	Dedicated	.....	.....	4.7	.....	.....
May Park	1885	Dedicated	.....	.....	.69	.....	.....
Stinson Park	1884	Dedicated	.....	.....	1.23	.....	.....
Tatum Park	1885	Dedicated	.....	.....	.61	.....	.....
Webster Park	1884	Dedicated	.....	.....	1.26	.....	.....
Clayland Park	1885	Dedicated	.....	.....	.83	.....	.....
Skidmore Park	1885	Dedicated	.....	.....	.39	.....	.....
Foundry Park	1883	Dedicated	.....	.....	.95	.....	.....
Fountain Park	1886	Dedicated	.....	.....	.42	.....	.....
Cato Park	1885	Dedicated	.....	.....	.19	.....	.....
Walsh Park	1884	Dedicated	.....	.....	.78	.....	.....
Crocus Terrace	1889	Dedicated	.....	.....	1.45	.....	.....
Davis Square	1890	Dedicated	.....	.....	.01	.....	.....
Elm Square	1890	Dedicated	.....	.....	.11	.....	.....
Gordon Square	1886	Dedicated	.....	.....	.07	.....	.....
Kendrick Square	1890	Dedicated	.....	.....	.12	.....	.....
Manvill Square	1890	Dedicated	.....	.....	.15	.....	.....
Oakley Square	1884	Dedicated	.....	.....	.08	.....	.....
Raymond Square	1890	Dedicated	.....	.....	.02	.....	.....
Rondo Square	1890	Dedicated	.....	.....	.18	.....	.....
Sidney Square	1890	Dedicated	.....	.....	.02	.....	.....
Ramsey Triangle	1907	2,500.00	.....	2,500.00	.07	.....	.....
Bay Triangle	1907	800.00	.....	800.00	.49	.....	.....
Phalen-Gervais Boulevard	1907	Deeded	.....	.....	21.68	.....	.....
Total	.....	\$626648.26	\$1,295,650.26	\$1,922,298.52	1,401.54	17.44	26.15

INVENTORY OF MACHINES AND TOOLS.

- 1 3,000,000 gal. Centrifugal Pump.
- 1 2,000,000 gal. Allis High Duty Pump.
- 1 1,000,000 gal. Blake Piston Pump.
- 1 4,800 gal. Centrifugal Pump.
- 1 Diaphragm Pump.
- 1 Westinghouse Engine.
- 1 Dynamo.
- 1 Sprague Electric Motor.
- 1 Gasoline Pump.
- 4 Boiler Feeds.
- 3 Steam Boilers.
- 5 Oil Tanks 52 gal. each.
- 1 Oil Tank 60 gal.
- 1 200 gal. Gasoline Tank with Pump.
- 1 Dredge Boat with Machinery.
- 1 Gasoline Launch.
- 300 Row Boats with Oars.
- 1 Automobile.
- 1 Sight-Seeing Car.
- 10 Draft Horses.
- 2 Driving Horses.
- 5 Sets of Draft Harness.
- 2 Sets of Light Double Harness.
- 2 Sets of Single Harness.
- 12 Horse Blankets.
- 12 Storm Blankets.
- 6 Sets of Double Fly Nets.
- 2 Lap Robes.
- 5 Heavy Wagons.
- 5 Sprinkling Wagons.
- 5 Bob-Sleighs.
- 1 Two Seated Carriage.
- 1 Concord Buggy.
- 1 Delivery Wagon.
- 2 Hay Mowers.
- 2 Horse Rakes.
- 1 Tree Transplanter.
- 1 Jigger.
- 1 Road Scraper.

- 1 Snow Scraper.
- 2 Road Plows.
- 1 Farm Plow.
- 1 Road Harrow.
- 1 Field Harrow.
- 1 Stone Crusher.
- 1 Portable Boiler with Engine.
- 1 Steam Rock Drill.
- 1 4-Horse Roller.
- 1 1-Horse Roller.
- 1 Sod Cutter.
- 31 Wheelbarrows.
- 2 Stone Wheelbarrows.
- 7 Steel Wheelbarrows.
- 2 Wheel Scrapers.
- 4 Slushers.
- 1 Small House Derrick.
- 7 Sets of Block and Tackle.
- 8 Dump Cars.
- 3,300 Feet Track Rails.
- 40 Lawn Mowers.
- 17 Tool Boxes.
- 3,100 Feet Garden Hose.
- 100 Feet 2-inch Hose.
- 47 Wire Rakes.
- 23 Wooden Rakes.
- 45 Iron Rakes.
- 15 Spades.
- 2 Long-handled Shovels.
- 77 Shovels.
- 7 Scoop Shovels.
- 7 Snow Shovels.
- 1 Brush Scythe.
- 20 Scythes with Handles.
- 12 Extra Scythe Handles.
- 14 Sickles.
- 32 Picks.
- 21 Grub Hoes.
- 33 Hay Forks.
- 10 Extra Fork Handles.
- 10 Manure Forks.

- 3 Mortar Hoes.
- 4 Axes.
- 8 Ax Handles.
- 6 Claw Hatchets.
- 22 Water Pails.
- 1 Hand Saw.
- 1 Jack Plane.
- 1 Draw Knife.
- 1 2-Foot Spirit Level.
- 2 Chain Tongs.
- 4 Cross-cut Saws.
- 1 Buck Saw.
- 7 Sledge Hammers.
- 36 Steel Wedges.
- 9 Crow Bars.
- 4 Gravel Screens.
- 3 Grind Stones.
- 1 Set Engineer Tools.
- 1 Set Pipe-layer Tools.
- 1 Set Blacksmith Tools.
- 1 Set Tree-trimmer Tools.
- 3 Pairs Rubber Boots.
- 6 Chains.
- 150 Feet 1½-inch Rope.
- 30 Feet ¾-inch Rope.
- 1 Wire Stretcher.
- 20 Pad Locks.
- 6 Lamps.
- 2 Jack Screws.
- 3 Stoves.
- 1 Cement Tile Mold.
- 125 Hot Bed Sash.
- 95,000 Flower Pots.
- 2 Air Swings.
- 24 Swings.
- 1 Diebold Safe.
- 1 Typewriter and Desk.
- 1 Roll Top Desk.
- 2 Office Tables.
- 1 Engineer's Level.
- 1 Rod.

- 1 12-Foot Road Level.
- 1 Steel Tape Line.
- 2 Cloth Tape Lines.
- 3 Watchmen's Clocks.
- 1 Set of Stone Tongues.
- 24 Whetstones.
 - 1 Dolly.
- 22 Granite Monuments.
- 460 Feet 1½-inch Water Pipe.
- 16 Feet 12-inch Sewer Pipe.
- 52 Feet 10-inch Sewer Pipe.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

St. Paul, Minnesota, February 3rd, 1908.

The Board of Park Commissioners,

St. Paul, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor herewith to submit the Seventeenth Annual Report of my office.

The members of the Board of Park Commissioners, on January 1st, A. D. 1907, were Messrs. Daniel Aberle, Robert O. Earl, M. D., Wm. Hamm, Lewis A. Robinson and H. W. Topping.

Mr. H. W. Topping was reappointed by the Mayor, March 1st, 1907, for the term of five years.

At the annual meeting, held March 18th, 1907, the following officers were elected:

President, H. W. Topping.

Vice-President, Robert O. Earl, M. D.

Superintendent, Fred Nussbaumer.

On January 7th, 1907, the Board adopted final orders for land to be condemned for "College Park."

On the same date, resolutions were adopted authorizing the proper Park Board officers to enter into a contract with Prof. Danz for the furnishing of musical concerts at Lake Como during the summer season of 1907.

On February 4th, the Board received a communication from the St. Paul City Railway Company, in which they stated their willingness of contributing \$1,500.00 towards the defraying the expense of musical concerts to be given at Lake Como during the season of 1907.

On the same date the Park Board adopted resolutions accepting lots 3 to 6, inclusive, block 183, Robertson's Addition (being otherwise known as the Anchor Silver Plate Property), for park purposes.

On March 4th, 1907, the Board adopted resolutions authorizing the proper Park Board officers to enter into a contract with the Northern Pacific Railway Company for the construction of a bridge over the Lexington avenue viaduct; the expense of the whole improvement to be paid by the Railway Company.

On the same date, a final order was passed for the condemnation of land for what is known as "Lexington Avenue Boulevard No. 2," being a strip of land 40 feet in width, adjoining the east line of Lexington avenue from Van Slyke avenue south to the Great Northern Railway right of way.

On the same date, the Board adopted resolutions setting aside the sum of \$21,000.00 from the "Park Fund" to the credit of "Lexington Avenue Boulevard No. 2."

On March 18th, 1907, final orders were passed for a condemnation for land for "Mississippi River Boulevard North."

On the same date, the sum of \$500.00 was transferred from the "Park Fund" to the credit of "Mississippi River Boulevard North."

On April 1st, the sum of \$2,525.00 was transferred from the "Park Fund" to pay for additional damages, awarded to owners of property condemned for what is known as "Como Avenue Parkway."

On the same date, a communication was received from Mr. E. F. Potter, General Superintendent of the Wisconsin Railway Company, in which he stated that it was necessary at this time to construct a bridge over the Phalen-Gervais canal. At this meeting the Board adopted a resolution pledging itself for a contribution of \$5,000.00 towards building a two-arch bridge as per plans submitted by the Wisconsin Central Railway people.

On May 3rd, 1907, the Board received a communication from the City Clerk, advising them of the action of the Council, in which they had placed the Boulevards on the central portion of Summit avenue between Lexington avenue and the Milwaukee bridge, under the care and jurisdiction of the Park Board for the purpose of having the grass cut on the same when necessary.

On the same date, the boulevards on Marshall avenue, between Victoria and Chatsworth streets, were placed under the care and jurisdiction of the Park Board for the purpose of having the grass cut on the same.

On the same date, resolutions were adopted by the Board requesting the Common Council to pass a proper ordinance providing for the issuance of \$50,000.00 bonds for the purpose of carrying out contemplated improvements.

On the same date, a final order was passed for the condemnation of land for what is known as "Bay Triangle."

On May 20th, 1907, the Board adopted resolutions appropriating and setting apart the sum of \$7,500.00 from the "Park Fund," to the credit of the "Lexington Avenue Boulevard No. 2."

On May 31st, 1907, the Board adopted resolutions requesting the Common Council to pass an Ordinance to prohibit the erection of bill-boards within 50 yards of any park or parkway.

On July 31st, 1907, the Board adopted resolutions setting aside the sum of \$3,755.00 from the "Park Fund" for the purpose of defraying the expense for musical concerts to be furnished at Como Park during the summer of 1907.

On July 15th, 1907, the Board passed a final order for the condemnation of land for what is known as "Extension Mississippi River Boulevard No. 2."

On the same date, the Park Board adopted resolutions authorizing the Superintendent to comply with Bd. File 25695, being a resolution placing Marshall avenue, between Wheeler avenue and Pierce street, under the care of the Park Board for the purpose of cutting grass on the same.

On August 5th, 1907, resolutions were adopted authorizing the President of the Board to enter into a contract for the purchase of Lots 12 to 15, Block 8, of River Boulevard Addition, for a sum not to exceed \$500.00.

On the same date, resolutions were adopted transferring from the "Park Fund" the sum of \$2,010.00 to the credit of the following parkways:

Lexington Avenue Boulevard No. 2.....	\$575.00
Indian Mounds Park.....	1,135.00
Como Avenue Parkway	300.00

On Sept. 3rd, 1907, final orders were adopted for the condemnation of lands for "Horton Park" and "Newell Park."

On September 16th, the Board adopted resolutions authorizing the Superintendent to make the necessary arrangements to complete the "Mississippi River Boulevard," north of Marshall avenue, and connecting with the Hennepin County Line.

On the same date, final orders were adopted for the condemnation of land for "Ramsey Triangle" and "Indian Mounds Park Extension No. 2."

On November 4th, 1907, the Board adopted resolutions setting aside the sum of \$2,035.00 from the "Park Fund" to the credit of "Extension Mississippi River Boulevard No. 2."

On the same date, the sum of \$500.00 was transferred from the "Park Fund" to the credit of "Mississippi River Boulevard North."

On the same date, the sum of \$400.00 was transferred from the "Park Fund" to the credit of "Indian Mounds Park Extension No. 2."

On the same date, the sum of \$359.00 was set aside from the "Park Fund" for the purpose of paying the interest due upon an award of \$1,400.00 to John A. Stees, for the condemnation of Lot 29, Block 17, Suburban Hills Addition.

On December 16th, 1907, final orders were adopted for the condemnation of land for "Mississippi River Boulevard North Extension" and "Mississippi River Boulevard North Extension No. 1."

On the same date, a preliminary order was adopted for the condemnation of land for what is to be known as "Wheelock Parkway," between Lake Como and Phalen Park.

PARK FUND.

JANUARY, 1907.

4395—Annie Bailey, part Lot 15, Block 3, Roger's Addition, January, 1907 (Condemnation Lexington Park)....	\$393.25
4396—Peter Mattson, Lot 1, Block 7, Strand Addition, January, 1907 (Como Park Extension).....	400.00
4397—D. S. B. Johnson Land Co., L. 2, B. 6, Standard Add. N., January, 1907 (Como Park Extension).....	400.00
4398—Gustav Willius, Receiver, Undivided ½ of Lots 6, 7, 8, Block 6 (Como Park Extension).....	757.50
4399—St. Paul National Bank, Undivided ½ of Lots 6, 7, 8, Block 6 (Como Park Extension).....	757.50
4400—F. Nussbaumer, Supt., salary, Dec., 1906, and cash advanced for incidentals, Dec., 1906.....	513.00
4401—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll for men and teams during December, 1906.....	3,073.01
4402—J. A. Stees, Lots 2 and 3, Block 21, Lot 11 and part Lot 29, Block 17, Suburban Hills Addition (Enlargement of Indian Mounds Park).....	704.57
4403—Wm. T. McMurren, Lot 9, Flandreau's Subdivision, S. ½ Block 12, Lafond's Addition (Como Parkway).....	375.00
4404—Kilgore, Peteler Co., castings, Dec., 1906.....	12.10
4405—Kilgore, Peteler Co., track rails, dump cars, etc., December, 1906	769.50
4406—Western Supply Co., plumber's sundries, Dec., 1906.....	85.92
4407—C. G. Hartin Coal Co., coal, November and December, 1906	847.28
4408—John Martin Lumber Co., roofing, lumber, tarred felt, Nov. and Dec., 1906.....	148.92
4409—Noyes Bros. & Cutler, paint, oil, etc., Dec., 1906.....	74.37
4410—M. W. Fitzgerald, recording plats, Aug., 1906.....	35.00
4411—Hackett-Walther-Gates Hdw. Co., hardware sundries, Dec., 1906	25.38
4412—John Lewis Childs, bulbs, December, 1906.....	23.00
4413—Pioneer Press Co., composition, letter heads, etc., Nov. and Dec., 1906	40.50
4414—Union Brass and Metal Works, automobile supplies, December, 1906	18.30
4415—Minnesota Boiler Compound Company, boiler compound, April, August, December, 1906.....	66.50

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4416—H. P. Olson, bicycle repairs, December, 1906	14.45
4417—Richard Price, veterinary services, Oct., 1906	10.50
4418—Farwell, Ozmun, Kirk & Co., stove pipes, elbows, bolts, etc., November, 1906	6.95
4419—Lefebvre Roofing & Cornice Company, galvanized iron, Dec., 1906	27.72
4420—Daily News Publishing Co., local ads, Dec., 1906	5.36
4421—Torkelson Carriage Co., auto. repairs, Oct. and Nov., 1906	21.75
4422—D. L. Bell, cement, December, 1906	4.00
4423—John Nevin, Lot 3, Sec. 17, T. 28, R. 23 (Mississippi Boulevard No. 2)	1,350.30
4424—Hugh M. Nevin, building and lease Lot 3, Sec. 17, T. 28, R. 23 (Mississippi Boulevard No. 2)	1,500.00

FEBRUARY, 1907.

4425—Emily B. Elliott, condemnation part Lot 8, Sec. 12, and Lot 2, Sec. 7, T. 28, R. 23, December, 1906, West Side Boulevard	5,000.00
4426—F. Nussbaumer, salary as Superintendent and cash ad- vanced for crayons, January, 1907	333.73
4427—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll of men and teams employed for January, 1907	3,130.76
4428—Nicol, Dean & Gregg, oak, calks, steel, etc., Dec., 1906 ..	58.76
4429—Noyes Bros. & Cutler, thermometers, white lead, Jan., 1907	38.68
4430—Western Supply Co., regulating boiler, Jan., 1907	20.00
4431—N. W. Fuel Co., coal, December, 1906	11.86
4432—Tierney & Scheffer, feed, etc., January, 1907	9.40
4433—Bartles Oil Co., ruby oil, January, 1907	6.25
4434—Peter Henderson & Co., seeds, January, 1907	21.01
4435—John N. Theissen, harness material and repairs, October and December, 1906	7.80
4436—Mary W. Anderson, condemnation of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, F. W. Hoyt's Re., Lot 25, 26 and 27, Hall and Brown's Addition to Hyde Park, Feb., 1907 (Lexing- ton Parkway)	145.20
4437—Frederick Christophel, Lot 8, Block 1, Magoffin & Breck- enridge Addition, and building thereon, Feb., 1907	1,050.00

4438—John Hunholz, Lot 10, Block 2, Langevin's 4th Addition, Feb., 1907.....	168.00
4439—Louis Lambert, Block "A," Langevin's 4th Addition, Feb., 1907	1,500.00

MARCH, 1907.

4440—F. Nussbaumer, salary as Superintendent and cash advanced for February, 1907.....	352.61
4441—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll men and teams for February, 1907	2,366.89
4442—Peter Henderson, seeds, February, 1907.....	2.33
4443—C. G. Hartin Coal Co., coal, February, 1907.....	198.92
4444—Globe Ticket Co., boat tickets, February, 1907.....	172.50
4445—John T. Faricy, examination of land, June, 1906.....	20.00
4446—F. L. Bayard, examination of land, June, 1906.....	20.00
4447—W. W. Price, examination of land, June, 1906.....	20.00
4448—D. H. Michaud, examination of land, June, 1906.....	20.00
4449—Nicols, Dean & Gregg, wagon skeins, January and February, 1907	11.93
4450—Otto Peterson, bran and feed, February, 1907.....	9.72
4451—Pioneer Press Co., letter heads, February, 1907.....	7.50
4452—Albert Schuetz, abstract Rogers Park, February, 1907..	12.80
4453—Bartles Oil Co., gasoline, February, 1907.....	6.30
4454—Kilgore Peteler Co., dump car repairs, January, 1907...	5.80
4455—St. Paul City Ry. Co., Fostoria lamps, January, 1907....	7.25
4456—Daily News Pub. Co., local ad, January, 1907.....	3.41
4457—Henry A. Dreer, flower seeds, February, 1907.....	1.05
4458—Beard Auto. Co., adjusting vibrator, etc., May, 1906....	.60
4459—John Olson, estimate No. 1, building band stand Como Park	2,066.66
4460—A. Clark, Lots 9 and 10, Hewitt's Subdv., Block 31, Lafond's Addition, March, 1907 (Como Avenue Parkway)	875.00
4461—Mary Evans, Lot 11, Block 31, Lafond's Addition, March, 1907	350.00
4462—Anton Schmidt, part Lot 15, Block 2, Humphrey's Addition, and building thereon, March, 1907.....	3,400.00
4463—Wm. A. Smith, Lot 17, Block 2, Humphrey's Addition, and building thereon, March, 1907..	1,600.00

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4464—John L. Johnson, Lot 4, Block 7, Strand Addition, March, 1907	400.00
4465—R. P. Lewis, Agent for Otto T. Maelery, for part of Lot 12, Block 2, Humphrey's Addition, March, 1907.....	400.00

APRIL, 1907.

4466—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-rolls men and teams March, 1907	3,579.85
4467—F. Nussbaumer, Superintendent, salary as Superintendent, March, 1907.....	333.33
4468—Joseph Matz, parts Lots 1, 2, 5 and 7, Magoffin & Breckenridge's Addition, April, 1907 (Como Parkway)....	4,050.00
4469—Burney Bird Auto. Co., automobile repairs, February and March, 1907	122.90
4470—C. G. Hartin Coal Co., coal, March, 1907.....	573.74
4471—Peter Henderson Co., flower seeds, March, 1907.....	1.50
4472—George W. Keys, repairing pump, January, 1907.....	8.00
4473—Maendler Bros., paint brushes, March, 1907.....	17.70
4474—Noyes Bros. & Cutler, paints, turpentine, etc., February, 1907	45.83
4475—John Rogers, Jr., insurance on boat, November, 1906...	62.50
4476—St. Paul Lime & Cement Co., lime, March, 1907.....	1.90
4477—Western Supply Co., machinery parts, March, 1907.....	4.46
4478—John Olson, estimate No. 2, band stand Como Park, April, 1907	2,066.66
4479—Mechanic Savings Bank, Lots 19, 20, 21, Block 2, Langevin's 4th Addition, April 1, 1907.....	534.00

MAY, 1907.

4480—Fred Nussbaumer, salary for April and incidentals for April and May, 1907.....	353.31
4481—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll of men and teams employed during April, 1907.....	5,557.25
4482—S. M. Maggoffin, Attorney for Executor, part Lot 4, Block 1, Magoffin & Breckenridge Addition, May, 1907, Como Avenue Parkway.....	800.00
4483—John Olson, estimate No. 3, building bandstand Como Park, May, 1907	1,000.00
4484—Herman Manteufel, estimate No. 1, painting and tin roofing park buildings, May, 1907.....	175.00

4485—Merchants National Bank, Assignee H. P. Rugg & Co., pipe and attachment, April, 1907.....	252.53
4486—St. Paul Lime & Cement Co., cement at Como Park, April, 1907	307.94
4487—J. E. Carlson, painting fountains in city parks, April, 1907	135.00
4488—Tokeheim Mfg. Co., gasoline outfit for automobile, April, 1907	124.20
4489—Kilgore-Peteler Mfg. Co., wheels for dump cart, March, 1907	3.50
4490—Tierney & Scheffer, bran, April, 1907.....	5.00
4491—Torkelson Carriage Co., resetting tires, March, 1907....	6.00
4492—T. L. Blood & Co., gypsine for pavilion, April, 1907....	9.00
4493—Robert H. Fisher, time stamp, April, 1907.....	16.50
4494—Twin City Iron & Wire Works, fencing for Carpenter Park, March, 1907.....	21.45
4495—E. F. Lemke, flowers, March, 1907.....	30.00
4496—Vaughans Seed Store, flowers, April, 1907.....	20.50
4497—Thos. Mehan & Sons, shrubs, April, 1907.....	53.53
4498—The Storrs & Harrison Company, catalpas, April, 1907..	12.00
4499—Hiram T. Jones, shrubs, April, 1907.....	72.65
4500—J. F. McGuire & Co., hardware sundries, February, April, 1907	35.76
4501—W. H. Konantz & Co., saddlery sundries, April, 1907....	26.73
4502—Bartles Oil Co., gasoline, April, 1907.....	43.65
4503—Noyes Bros. & Cutler, painting materials, March, 1907..	53.93
4504—Standard Oil Co., oil for pumping station, April, 1907..	44.40
4505—Wm. R. Burkhard Co., oars, April, 1907.....	59.50
4506—Daily News Publishing Co., local ad, March, 1907....	2.62
4557—St. Paul Rubber Co., matting for automobile, April, 1907	2.50
4508—Twin City Pottery Mfg. Co., flower pots, April, 1907....	15.20
4509—John N. Theissen, leather and straps for boat, April, 1907	11.90
4510—S. M. & E. Magoffin, Lot 3, Block 1, Magoffin & Breck- enridge Addition, May, 1907 (Como Ave. Parkway)	1,360.00
4511—W. H. Yardley, Administrator Wm. R. Travers Estate, part Lots 14 and 15, Block 2, G. V. Bacon's Subdv. Lots 11 and 12, Buell & Mackubin Outlots, \$250.00; part of Lot 14, Block 3, Rogers Addition, \$385.00, 3 yrs. interest, \$133.35, May, 1907 (Lexington Park- way)	768.35

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4512—S. M. Magoffin, Attorney J. D. Rattermann, settlement of claim, May, 1907.....	25.00
4513—Peter Vandlac, Jr., part Lot 9, Block 1, Magoffin & Breckenridge Addition, May, 1907 (Como Ave. Parkway)	1,500.00
4514—Mary Callahan, Lot 5, Block 3, Humphrey's Addition and building, May, 1907	1,000.00
4515—E. J. Bishop, Attorney St. Anthony Realty Co., Lot 15 and west 7 feet of Lot 14, Kalman's Division No. 4 Addition, and interest	96.80

JUNE, 1907.

4516—Fred Nussbaumer, Superintendent, salary and cash advanced, May, 1907	345.42
4517—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll of men and teams employed in cutting grass, May, 1907.....	420.15
4518—Cancelled.	
4519—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll of men and teams employed for month of May, 1907.....	7,579.64
4520—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll park police for May, 1907	834.60
4521—Herman Manteufel, painting and roofing park buildings, estimate No. 2, May, 1907.....	1,000.00
4522—C. F. Staples, Agent, damages Lots 9, 10, Block 3, Staples 1st Addition (West Side Boulevard Acct.).....	265.35
4523—Aug. Cunun and Jules Cunin, balance damages Lots 9 and 10, Block 3, Staples' First Addition (West Side Boulevard Acct.)	65.52
4524—Jesse Foot, County Treasurer, part damages Lots 9 and 10, Block 3, Staples' First Addition, personal tax, June, 1907	5.13
4525—John Olson, estimate No. 4 and F, Como band stand, May, 1907	1,066.68
4526—Joseph Dingle, estimate No. 1 and F, building 50 row-boats, May, 1907.....	1,400.00
4527—Drake Marble and Tile Co., floor in dining-room, Como Pavilion, April, 1907	969.00
4528—C. G. Hartin Coal Co., coal, May, 1907.....	364.76
4529—N. Gruber, flower tubs, May, 1907.....	79.10
4530—West Disinfecting Co., disinfector, April, 1907.....	33.06

4531—John J. Rossbach, lawn grass, April, 1907.....	23.00
4532—Pioneer Press Co., postal cards, May, 1907.....	13.50
4533—Brown Bros. Co., rose bushes, May, 1907.....	12.50
4534—Jos. Boassard, repairs on building, May, 1907.....	11.00
4535—John Blomquist, insurance on dwelling at Phalen.....	10.00
4536—H. P. Rugg & Co., machinery parts, May, 1907.....	13.35
4537—Richard Price, veterinary services, April, 1907.....	3.50
4538—Tierney & Scheffer, corn, April, 1907.....	2.75
4539—Schroeder Bros., nails and screws, May, 1907.....	4.60
4540—The Foster Implement Co., Champion rake teeth, April, 1907	1.20
4541—John Olson, carpenter labor and material, May, 1907....	165.43
4542—C. D. O'Brien, Attorney for Jos. Metz, damages Lots 1, 2, 7, Block 1, Magoffin & Breckenridge Addition, April, 1907	25.48
4543—Frank Sears, part Lot 10, Ramsey Co. Loan & Trust Co. Subdv. No. 3, June, 1907 (Lexington Boulevard No. 3)	125.00
4544—Jacob Grant, Lots 6 and 7, Hagerman's Subdv. Lot 41, Lake Como Addition, June, 1907.....	550.00
4545—Mabel Knapp, Lot 6, Hagerman's Subdv. Lot 41, Lake Como Addition, June, 1907	150.00
4546—Chas. Widholm, Lot 7, and Lot 60, improvement, Hager- man's Subdv. Lot 41 Lake Como Addition, June, 1907	975.00
4547—Andrew Peterson, Lot 3, Block 7, Strand Addition, June, 1907 (Como Park Extension)	400.00
4548—Sophia Esch, Lots 6 and 7, Block 3, Humphrey's Addi- tion, June, 1907	1,343.38
4549—Jesse Foot, County Treasurer, damages Lots 6 and 7, Block 3, Humphrey's Addition, June, 1907.....	237.85
4550—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, damages Lots 6 and 7, Block 3, Humphrey's Addition, June, 1907.....	68.77
4551—Hannah Kenny, Lot 1, Hagerman's Subdv. Lot 41, Lake Como Villas, June, 1907 (Lexington Boulevard No. 2)	1,400.00
4552—Ole A. Anderson, Lots 20 and 21, Block 1, Bishop's Addi- tion, June, 1907	300.00
4553—Mary W. Hadley, part Lot 14, Block 7, Rogers Addition (condemnation Lexington Parkway)	540.87
4554—Cancelled.	

JULY, 1907.

4555—Harry S. Lewis, Lots 11 to 17, inclusive, Block 4, Hiawatha Park Addition, June, 1907 (Mississippi River Boulevard No. 2).....	225.75
4556—Cancelled.	
4557—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll of men and teams employed June, 1907	8,863.06
4558—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll park police, June, 1907	845.00
4559—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll of men employed cutting grass on city streets for June, 1907.....	473.16
4560—Frank Danz, Jr., eight concerts at Como Park, June 23 to 29, inclusive, 1907	720.00
4561—John Olson, material carpenter and brick work, May 30th, June 5-11, 1907	241.53
4562—J. F. McGuire, hardware sundries, November, 1906, January, April, May, 1907.....	117.05
4563—Hackett-Walther-Gates Hardware Co., rope, lawn mowers, June, 1907	67.72
4564—St. Paul Rubber Co., matting, garden hose, May 31, June 8, 1907	46.67
4565—Electric Construction Co., installing lights Phalen Park, June, 1907.....	49.50
4566—C. J. Smith & Co., dash lamp for automobile, spark oil for launch, June, 1907.....	67.80
4567—Pioneer Press Co., order books, reports, half-tone cuts, etc., June, 1907	94.80
4568—Burney Bird Auto. Co., automobile parts, March 24, June 5-6, 1907	24.65
4569—Prøndergast Bros., plumber's material and labor, June, 1907	24.74
4570—Bartles Oil Co., axle grease, gasoline, June, 1907.....	58.30
4571—Farwell, Ozmun, Kirk & Co., boat locks, June, 1907.....	20.00
4572—Robert H. Fisher, time stamp for boats, June, 1907.....	16.50
4573—M. W. Fitzgerald, recording instruments, June, 1907....	15.25
4574—Kilgore-Peteler Mfg. Co., brake shoes for dump cars, April, 1907	9.60
4575—Wm. R. Burkhard, police calls, ticket punch, June, 1907	9.50
4576—Washington Foundry Co., manhole at Holcombe Park, May, 1907	8 00

4577—Perkins, Thomas Printing Co., postal cards, June, 1907..	7.00
4578—G. Sommers & Co., flag for band stand, June, 1907....	4.50
4579—C. O. Anderson, cleaners, polish, etc., May, June, 1907..	4.30
4580—Otto Peterson, ground feed, April, 1907.....	2.47
4581—H. P. Rugg & Co., asbestos, June, 1907.....	1.20
4582—Herman Manteuffel; estimate No. 3 and F, painting and tin roofing, July, 1907	225.00
4583—Lucy La Blanc, part Lot 10, Block 2, Humphrey's Addi- tion, July, 1907 (Como Ave. Parkway).....	500.00
4584—Thomas Thorson, Lot 12 Hagerman's Subdv. Lot 41 Lake Como Villas (Lexington Avenue Boulevard No. 2)	1,150.00
4585—Annie Thorson, Lot 11 Hagerman's Subdv. Lot 41 Lake Como Villas (Lexington Avenue Boulevard No. 2)	150.00
4586—Hans and Thildha Anderson, part Lot 13 Hagerman's Subdv. Lot 41 Lake Como Villas (Lexington Ave- nue Boulevard No. 2)	1,150.00
4587—Cezentia Brantigan, part Lot 10, Hagerman's Subdv. Lot 60 Como Villas, July, 1907.....	2,300.00
4588—Henry F. Brantigan, part Lot 11 Hagerman's Subdv. Lake Como Villas, July, 1907.....	40.00
4589—F. Danz, Jr., eight concerts Como Park, June 30 to July 6, inclusive	875.00
4590—F. Danz, Jr., eight concerts, July 7 to 13, inclusive, 1907	720.00
4591—John A. Stees, judgment Lots 2, 3, 11, Block 21, part Lot 29, B. 17 Suburban Hills Addition, July, 1907.....	1,135.00
4592—C. Gust Johnson, judgment Lots 5, 6, Hagerman's Subdv. Lot 60 Como Villas, July, 1907.....	175.00
4593—H. Marion Harrell, judgment Lots 8, 9 Ramsey County Loan & Trust Co. Subdv. No. 3, July, 1907.....	400.00
4594—Sophia Esch—judgment Lots 6, 7, B. 3 Humphrey's Ad- dition, July, 1907	300.00
4595—H. Marion Harrell, Lots 8 and 9 Ramsey County Loan & Trust Co. Subdv. No. 3, July, 1907 (Lexington Boulevard No. 2)	1,250.00
4596—Ida J. Lilliedahl, Lot 14, Block 1, Bishop's Addition, June, 1907 (Lexington Boulevard No. 2).....	150.00
4597—C. Gust Johnson, improvements on Lots 5, 6 Hager- man's Subdv. Lot 60 Como Villas, July, 1907 (Lex- ington Boulevard No. 2).....	1,000.00

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4598—C. Gust Johnson, Lots 5 and 6 Hagerman's Subdv. Lot 60 Como Villas, July, 1907 (Lexington Boulevard No. 2)	350.00
4599—John B. Johnson, parts Lots 17, 18, Block 1, Bishop's Addition, and improvements, July 1907 (Lexington Boulevard No. 2)	1,300.00
4600—F. Danz, Jr., eight concerts at Como Park, July 14 to 20, 1907, inclusive	720.00
4601—Hannah Kenny, Lot 2 Hagerman's Subdv. Lot 41 Como Villas, July, 1907	150.00
4602—St. Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Co., Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, Block 2, Asylum Addition No. 1, July, 1907.....	800.00
4603—John A. Lovering, Trustee, Lots 13 to 18 and 21 to 24, Block 3; Lots 17 to 24, Block 9, Warrendale Addition, July, 1907 (Lexington Boulevard No. 2)....	3,600.00
4604—John W. Barr, Jr., Lots 19, 20, Block 3; Lots 13, 14, 15, 16, Block 9, Warrendale Addition (Lexington Avenue Boulevard No. 2).....	1,200.00
4605—Martha J. Halliday, part Lot 15 Varney & McManigal's Rearrangement Block 1 A. E. Ramsey's Addition, July, 1907 (condemnation Lexington Parkway)....	313.83
4606—Jesse Foot, County Treasurer, taxes on above described property, July, 1907.....	37.07
4607—Citizen's Savings Bank, part Lot 16 Kalman's Division No. 1, July, 1907 (Lexington Avenue Boulevard No. 2)	1,500.00
4608—F. Danz, Jr., eight concerts Como Park, July 21 to 27, inclusive	720.00

AUGUST 1907.

4556—Fred Nussbaumer, salary and cash advanced during June, 1907.....	340.03
4609—Caroline Little, Lot 6, Block 1, Bishop's Addition, July, 1907 (Lexington Boulevard No. 2).....	450.00
4610—Carrie Pennington, Lots 2 and 3 Ramsey County Loan & Trust Co. Subdv. No. 3, August, 1907.....	250.00
4611—F. Danz, Jr., eight concerts at Como Park, July 25 to August 3, 1907.....	720.00
4612—F. Nussbaumer, Superintendent, salary and cash advanced during July, 1907.....	334.93

4613—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll of men and teams during July, 1907.....	9,782.52
4614—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll of park police for July, 1907	845.00
4615—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll of men and teams cutting grass on streets, July, 1907.....	562.50
4616—Wilhelmina Manson, Lots 4 and 5, Block 6, Strand Addition, August, 1907 (Como Park Extension account)	800.00
4617—C. G. Hartin Coal Co., coal, July, 1907.....	303.82
4618—M. W. Fitzgerald, certificates of land condemned for Phalen Park, July, 1907.....	71.10
4619—Noyes Bros. & Cutler, insect destroyer, June, 1907.....	.75
4620—Schroeder & Weyh, mower, rake teeth, etc., July, 1907..	43.50
4621—Torkelson Carriage Co., rubber tires for auto, July, 1907	53.80
4622—Standard Oil Co., auto oil, June, July, 1907.....	36.38
4623—Farwell, Ozmun, Kirk & Co., oars, July, 1907.....	11.20
4624—J. F. McGuire & Co., hardware sundries, July, 1907.....	23.12
4625—Bartles Oil Co., gasoline, July, 1907.....	113.90
4626—St. Paul Rubber Co., rubber hose, July, 1907.....	38.25
4627—J. H. Bohrer Sanitation Co., cleaning cess-pool at Phalen Park, July, 1907	75.00
4628—J. H. Allen & Co., salt, July, 1907.....	66.00
4629—Tierney & Schaeffer, feed, etc., June, 1907.....	11.13
4630—Brooks Bros., lumber, May, June, 1907.....	135.48
4631—Twin City Iron & Wire Works, settees, July, 1907.....	200.00
4632—S. Berglund Co., benches, May, 1907.....	47.56
4633—John Martin Lumber Company, lumber for boat landing, Phalen Park, June, 1907	20.60
4634—H. P. Rugg & Co., tools, sewer pipe, etc., July, 1907....	253.47
4635—Minnesota Typographical Company, reprinting reports 1905, December, 1906	206.00
4636—Herbert G. Doble, Lot 8, Block 33, St. Anthony Park North, August, 1907 (College Park acct.).....	400.00
4637—Jas. H. Dooley, Lots 5, 6, 7, Block 33, St. Anthony Park North, August, 1907 (College Park acct.).....	1,125.00
4638—Frank Danz, Jr., eight concerts, Como Park, August 4 to 10, inclusive	720.00
4639—Kanele & Lind, damages awarded on leasehold in E. 36.3 feet Lot 10 Hagermann's Subdv. Lot 60 (Lexington Avenue Boulevard No. 2).....	100.00

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4640—Chas. W. Curtis, damages awarded to Lots 1 to 10, inclusive, Block 4 and Block "A," Hiawatha Park Addition, August, 1907 (Mississippi River Boulevard No. 2)	867.25
4641—Frank Danz, Jr., eight concerts Como Park, August 11 to 17, inclusive.....	720.00
4642—G. Lloyd Magruder, Lot 5 Flandreau's Subdv. S½ Block 12, Lafond's Addition, August, 1907 (Como Avenue Boulevard)	425.00
4643—F. Danz, Jr., eight concerts Como Park, August 18 to 24, inclusive, August, 1907	720.00

SEPTEMBER, 1907.

4644—Jas. H. Dooley and Jos. Bryan, Lots 31, 32, Block 33, St. Anthony Park North (Cottage Park).....	750.00
4645—F. Nussbaumer, Superintendent, salary and money advanced during August, 1907.....	334.53
4646—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll of men and teams employed during August, 1907.....	9,063.54
4647—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll of men employed cutting grass on city streets, August, 1907.....	572.43
4648—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll of park police, August, 1907	845.00
4649—F. W. Coughlin, miscellaneous pieces of land taken for Phalen Park	524.30
4650—F. Nussbaumer, expenses attending Park Superintendents' Convention, August 15-17, 1907.....	54.90
4651—Kennedy Bros. Arms Co., oar locks, July, 1907.....	15.00
4652—F. G. Leslie Co., toilet paper, August, 1907.....	3.25
4653—N. W. Electric Equipment Co., lamp cord, August, 1907 .....	.40
4654—C. J. Smith Co., carbide, August, 1907.....	1.00
4655—Schroeder Bros., six scythes, August, 1907.....	5.40
4656—H. P. Rugg & Co., pipe, August, 1907.....	52.63
4657—J. F. McGuire & Co., hardware, August, 1907.....	16.75
4658—Tierney & Schaeffer, feed, August, 1907.....	11.58
4659—Noyes Bros. & Cutler, oil, July, 1907.....	12.09
4660—Kilgore-Petler Mfg. Co., hardware, July, 1907.....	16.40
4661—Standard Oil Co., gasoline and waste, July, August, 1907	33.35
4662—C. J. Smith Auto Co., auto supplies, July, 1907.....	13.95

4663—Bartles Oil Co., gasoline, August, 1907.....	60.12
4664—Herman Manteuffel, papering Superintendent's office, August, 1907	35.00
4665—National Tire Repair Co., auto repairs May, June, August, 1907	74.50
4666—J. H. Bohrer Sanitation Company, cleaning cess-pool at Phalen Park, August, 1907.....	75.00
4667—L. L. May & Co., seed, August, 1907.....	80.50
4668—Torkelson Carriage Co., auto repairs, August, 1907....	106.80
4669—John Martin Lumber Co., lumber, July, 1907.....	615.77
4670—C. F. Arrol and D. H. Michaud, miscellaneous piece of land, Lot 1, Sec. 17, T. 28 N., R. 23 W.....	375.00
4671—F. E. Ford, Agent, Lots 12, 13, 14, 15, Block 8, River Boulevard Addition	500.00
4672—Jacob Norman, part Lot 14 Kalman's Division No. 1 Lexington Boulevard Addition No. 2.....	87.50
4673—Wm. P. Guy, Lots 5-11, Block 16, Phalen Park Addition	505.55

OCTOBER, 1907.

4674—Capital National Bank, Agent, Lot 30 Franklin Steele's Subdv. Sec. 21, T. 28, R. 23 (Mississippi River Boule- vard No. 2).....	200.00
4675—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll for September, 1907	7,361.84
4676—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll park police, Sep- tember, 1907	845.00
4677—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll men and teams employed cutting grass, September, 1907.....	575.37
4678—Fred Nussbaumer, Superintendent, salary and money ad- vanced September, 1907	335.13
4679—J. F. W. Rick, sharpening and repairing tools, May, September, 1907	3.05
4680—Hackett-Walther-Gates Hardware Co., tools, September, 1907	2.00
4681—J. F. McGuire & Co., tools, September, 1907.....	3.95
4682—Richard Price, veterinary services, August, 1907.....	3.05
4683—Butler Bros., hauling dirt, September, 1907.....	5.85
4684—R. L. Polk, City Directory 1907, August, 1907.....	6.00
4685—Burney Bird Auto. Co., repairs to automobile, July, 1907	7.50
4686—Standard Oil Co., oil, September, 1907.....	18.70

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4687—David O. Oliver, abstracts for grass cutting, 1907.....	181.00
4688—Bartles Oil Co., oil, September, 1907.....	31.50
4689—Torkelson Carriage Co., automobile tire, September, 1907	56.80
4690—Leibrock & Day, insurance on Launch, August, 1907....	62.50
4691—Washington Foundry Co., castings, September, 1907....	57.43
4692—John Martin Lumber Co., lumber, August, 1907.....	286.98
4693—Nicols, Dean & Gregg, hardware, etc., November, 1906, January, June, 1907.....	158.83
4694—John Olson, carpenter repairs and Riverside bridge con- struction, August, 1907.....	819.40
4695—W. G. Whitehead, glass, September, 1907.....	264.00
4696—C. G. Hartin Coal Co., coal, September, 1907.....	387.64
4697—Portland Stone Co., estimate No. 1 and F, cement steps public baths approach, October, 1907.....	374.00
4698—Gustav P. Sandberg, Lots 8, 9, 10 Hagerman's Subdv. Lot 14 Lake Como Villas (Lexington Avenue Boulevard No. 2).....	450.00
4699—Victor Gustafson, Lot 9 Hagerman's Subdv. Lot 60 Lake Como Villas (Lexington Avenue Boulevard No. 2)	175.00
4700—John F. McCarthy, Lots 1 and 2 Hagerman's Subdv. Lot 60 Lake Como Villas (Lexington Avenue Boule- vard No. 2).....	1,400.00
4701—Alma Anderson, Lot 17, Kalman's Division No. 1 Ad- dition (Lexington Avenue Boulevard No. 2).....	110.00
4702—Samuel Johnson, Lot 8, Hagerman's Subdv. Lot 60 Lake Como Villas (Lexington Avenue Boulevard No. 2)..	1,000.00
4703—Mary A. Stevenson, parts Lots 4 and 5 Hagerman's Subdv. Lot 41 Lake Como Villas (Lexington Avenue Boulevard No. 2).....	300.00

NOVEMBER, 1907.

4704—First National Bank of Austin, Lot 3, Block 6, Humph- rey's Addition	400.00
4705—F. Nussbaumer, salary and cash advanced during Octo- ber, 1907	355.64
4706—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll for October, 1907	5,547.87
4707—John Martin Lumber Co., lumber, September, 1907....	230.16
4708—Dana Warehouse Co., pipe, September, 1907.....	90.00

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4709—N. W. Shot & Lead Co., lead, October, 1907.....	88.31
4710—Bartles Oil Co., oil, October, 1907.....	17.00
4711—Vaughn's Seed Store, bulbs, October, 1907.....	65.50
4712—John N. Theissen, harness repairs and supplies, June, October, 1907	21.60
4713—Standard Oil Co., oil, October, 1907.....	15.40
4714—Tierney & Schaeffer, feed, September, 1907.....	14.56
4715—Robinson & Cary Co., engineers' supplies, October, 1907	29.28
4716—Schroeder's Livery, livery, September, 1907.....	10.00
4717—August Jobst, blacksmithing, May, September, 1907....	8.25
4718—W. G. Whitehead, putty, October, 1907.....	5.00
4719—C. J. Smith Co., automobile repairs, October, 1907.....	2.25
4720—W. J. Bazille, continuation of abstract, October, 1907...	2.10
4721—Wm. A. Lemley and wife, undivided half interest W½ NW¼ Sec. 21, T. 29, R. 22 (Phalen Park Addition)	5,557.91
4722—John L. Gilmer, undivided one-sixth interest W½ NW¼ Sec. 21, T. 29, R. 22 (Phalen Park Addition).....	1,852.64
4623—Powel Gilmer, undivided one-sixth interest W½ NW¼ Sec. 21, T. 29, R. 22 (Phalen Park Addition).....	1,852.64
4724—John E. Gilmer, undivided one-sixth interest W½ NW¼ Sec. 21, T. 29, R. 22 (Phalen Park Addition).....	1,852.64
4725—Jesse Foot, County Treasurer, taxes, 1906, on undivided interest W½ NW½ Sec. 21, T. 29, R. 22 (Phalen Park Addition acct.).....	147.17
4726—C. B. Kittridge, Attorney, Block 7 Hiawatha Park Addi- tion No. 2 (Mississippi River Boulevard Acct. No. 2)	908.00
4727—Chas. Hokans, Lots 3 and 4 Hagerman's Subdv. Lot 60 Lake Como Villas (Lexington Avenue Boulevard No. 2	300.00
4728—Chas. Hokans, Lots 3 and 4 Hagerman's Subdv. Lot 60 Lake Como Villas (Lexington Avenue Boulevard No. 2)	1,175.00

DECEMBER, 1907.

4729—Fred Nussbaumer, salary and cash advanced during No- vember, 1907	340.07
4730—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll for November, 1907	4,588.33
4731—Schroeder's Livery, livery, October, 1907.....	40.00
4732—Standard Oil Co., gasoline, November, 1907.....	23.38

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4733—C. G. Hartin Coal Co., coal, October, 1907.....	306.68
4734—Lefebvre Deslauriers Roofing and Cornice Co., steel ceiling, November, 1907 (Superintendent's residence)	125.97
4735—Noyes Bros. & Cutler, oil, etc., October, 1907.....	90.53
4736—National Lead Co., sheet lead, November, 1907.....	65.72
4737—Hacket-Walther-Gates Hardware Co., hardware, November, 1907	1.12
4738—St. Paul Stamp Works, stamps, November, 1907.....	1.50
4739—H. P. Rugg & Co., engineer's supplies, November, 1907..	3.65
4740—National Tire Repair Co., repairs to tires, October, 1907	8.00
4741—W. J. Bazille, Abstract Clerk, continuation of abstract, November, 1907	2.25
4742—Twin City Iron and Wire Works, fence, August, 1907..	11.60
4743—Tierney & Schaeffer, feed, October, 1907.....	14.65
4744—Bartles Oil Co., gasoline, November, 1907.....	17.00
4745—L. I. Casserly & Co., premiums on insurance, \$2,500.00, November, 1907	30.00
4746—John Martin Lumber Co., lumber, October, 1907.....	23.42
4747—Minnesota Boiler Compound Company, boiler compound, May-November, 1907.....	71.75
4748—Vaughn's Seed Store, seeds, etc., November, 1907.....	44.59
4749—St. Paul Stone Co., estimate No. 1 and F, laying tiles, December, 1907	450.00
4750—C. W. Curtis, interest on award for Block "A" and Lots 1-10, inclusive, Block 4 Hiawatha Park Addition (Mississippi River Boulevard No. 2).....	32.72
4751—Jas. H. Dooley and J. Bryan, condemnation Lot 9, Block 33, St. Anthony Park North, December, 1907 (College Park Acct.)	781.06
4752—Joel Reinhardt, purchase of east 80 feet Lot 130 No. Lot 5, Block 24, Suburban Hills Addition, December, 1907	1,400.00
4753—John Petro, wages for November, 1907, omitted in error in pay-roll	60.00

PARK FUND.

RECEIPTS.

By balance January 1, 1907.....	\$17,293.02
By sale Tax Levy Certificates, 1907.....	32,000.00
By miscellaneous receipts	50,000.00

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By receipts from 1906 taxes.....	8,000.00
By receipts from sale of bonds.....	75,373.75
By receipts from grass cutting assessments.....	2,826.95
By receipts from renting boats.....	9,290.05
By transfer from tree planting accounts.....	1,024.27
By receipts from Automobile.....	2,071.75
By receipts from privileges and ground rent.....	7,180.00
By receipts from sale of old boats.....	320.00
By receipts from sale of hay, outside work and other products	1,566.18
By Bay triangle	631.00
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Total	\$207,576.97

DISBURSEMENTS.

To salary of superintendent.....	\$4,000.00
To payrolls of men and teams employed.....	73,158.17
To payrolls of park police.....	4,214.60
To superintendent's sundry expense account.....	326.63
To fuel	2,994.64
To feed	147.26
To insurance premiums	165.00
To trees, plants, seeds, etc.....	463.96
To printing and stationery.....	554.69
To music at Como Park.....	6,635.00
To construction band stand at Como Park.....	6,200.00
To painting and repairing park buildings.....	1,400.00
To row boats	1,400.00
To repairs to buildings.....	6,853.62
To land purchase account.....	5,340.33
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Total cash disbursements.....	\$118,037.58

TRANSFERS.

To Como Avenue Parkway account.....	\$2,825.00	
To Lexington Avenue Boulevard No. 2..	29,075.00	
To enlargement Indian Mounds Park....	1,135.00	
By Bay triangle	800.00	
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Total transfers	\$33,835.00	
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Balance December 31, 1907.....		\$55,704.39

STREET LAWNS.

The following is an estimate of the cost of street lawns during the year 1907:

Portland Avenue from Victoria street to Dale street.....	\$95.86
Ashland avenue from Dale street to Victoria street.....	96.00
Holly avenue, Dale to Victoria.....	96.06
Carroll street, Mackubin to Chatsworth.....	188.62
Summit avenue, Dale to Lexington.....	187.68
Aurora avenue, Rice to Dale.....	189.48
Marion street, Fuller to Charles.....	37.48
St. Peter street, Central to Aurora.....	22.40
Fairmount avenue, Dale to Victoria.....	94.78
Osceola avenue, Pleasant avenue to Victoria.....	85.42
Goodrich avenue, Dale to Victoria.....	96.24
Avon street, Summit to Osceola.....	64.00
Lincoln avenue, Oakland to Victoria.....	127.92
Lincoln avenue, Victoria to Oxford.....	71.88
Grand avenue, Floral to Grotto.....	81.70
Grand avenue, Avon to Victoria.....	24.08
Iglehart avenue, Farrington to Lexington.....	303.16
Portland avenue, Victoria to Oxford.....	63.46
Laurel avenue, Dale to Chatsworth.....	137.14
Hague avenue, Dale to Victoria.....	93.20
Marshall avenue, Cleveland to Wheeler.....	113.24
Iglehart avenue, Cleveland to Wheeler.....	107.00
Dayton avenue, Dewey to Howell.....	20.00
Dewey avenue, Dayton to Marshall.....	12.84
Carroll street, Wilder to Wheeler.....	97.66

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Wheeler avenue from Shields to University.....	19.78
Feronia avenue, Fairview to Prior.....	42.36
Dewey avenue, St. Anthony to University.....	41.28
Summit avenue, Wabasha to Dale.....	35.25
Western avenue, Summit to Carroll.....	10.16
Portland avenue, Western to Dale.....	8.92
Burr street, Collins to Magnolia.....	161.88
Hall avenue from Isabel to Prospect.....	27.70
Central avenue, Cedar to Robert.....	12.90
St. Albans street, Summit avenue to Fairmount.....	51.80
Grotto street, Grand to Selby.....	67.34
Milton street, Fairmount to Summit.....	49.00
Goodrich avenue, Victoria to Chatsworth.....	47.92
Capitol Boulevard, University to Como.....	36.80
Marshall avenue, Wheeler to Pierce.....	33.48
Marshall avenue, Victoria to Chatsworth.....	47.70
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FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

St. Paul Playgrounds Committee.

To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners:

Gentlemen:

The Playgrounds Committee wishes to present the following report for the year 1907.

Within the year there have been some things accomplished to the credit of our city. There has been no time since the inauguration of the movement in St. Paul when the public mind has been so pronouncedly in favor of our general plan as at the present; the organization of workers is growing more complete and effective each year; the equipment and improvement of the various grounds is progressing as rapidly as it possible with the limited means at our command; accidents have been few and slight in character; and withall we consider this the most successful year in our history.

While we thus congratulate ourselves upon this favorable state of affairs, yet our growing experience suggests many opportunities for betterment, and the Committee therefore has some recommendations to offer.

PLAY DIRECTORS.

It has been found impossible to secure and retain good play directors at the salary which our schedule provides. Time and again it has occurred that people have been employed for these positions who were both competent and enthusiastic, but who shortly resigned and took other positions simply because our wage scale is so low compared with that of others requiring as high a standard of ability and training as is necessary to success in this work. The inevitable result has been that we have not been able to retain assistants who have the training in physical culture that they should have to act as play directors. For example, the work at the Arlington Hills Ground last summer was

obviously of a high order, as is evidenced both by the casual observer on the grounds and by the Supervisor's report. The Director there, Miss Marie L. Slack, has had several years of experience as teacher of physical culture both of women and of children, which places her in line for positions at a much better salary than we have been paying.

We would therefore recommend that our schedule be raised \$10.00 per month throughout, that it shall hereafter be as follows:

\$40.00 per month for untrained assistants for the first year.

\$45.00 per month for college graduates or kindergartners for the first year.

\$50.00 per month for graduates of Physical Culture Training Schools for the first year.

An increase of \$5.00 per year for each year of playground experience until a maximum of \$60.00 is reached.

SUPERVISION.

The arrangement with the Young Men's Christian Association, whereby the Physical Director of that institution was secured for Supervisor of Playgrounds, has proven eminently satisfactory on all sides. Professor Rothfuss has been long and well known in our city, and has the respect and confidence of all classes of people. Then, too, the Association work in his department is largely confined to the winter months, while the playground work is as distinctively summer work, so that the two positions are occupied by the same person with benefit and economy to both institutions. In the winter he is able to supervise the skating rinks and the guards who have them in charge by means of his assistants in the gymnasium, and in summer the little time that the Association work requires can be given by him without loss to our interests. Viewing the matter in this light we have recommended without hesitation that the arrangement of last year in this matter be continued.

NEW PLAYGROUND ON DAYTON'S BLUFF.

Land has been purchased for a new playground at Margaret street and Gotzian avenue, near the Sibley School. Owing to the fact that it will be a great expense to grade this block because of its extremely uneven surface, it may be found wise to exchange this site for another in the immediate vicinity. Efforts are being made to accomplish this, and we believe that future interests demand it, even if it seems to be a sacrifice for the present.

ARLINGTON HILLS PLAYGROUND.

Four lots have been added to the Arlington Hills Playground for the purpose of furnishing a more spacious building site. The concrete shelter house planned and erected by Superintendent Nussbaumer on that ground, at a cost of \$2,900, is a model of substantial and utilitarian structure. It provides shower baths, toilet rooms, and storage space for apparatus; and it is so arranged that an additional building, to be erected this year, will complete in a harmonious and practical manner the architect's original design.

COMO AVENUE PLAYGROUND.

The grading and development of the Como Avenue Playground has been delayed by the shortsighted policy of the people in the neighborhood in opposing the vacation of that part of Lafond street lying within the Playground, and which is essential to the satisfactory grading and planning of that field. When they are willing to have this done the plan of the Superintendent of Parks to continue Lafond street as a driveway on a curve through the grounds to Como avenue, to build a substantial shelter house, and to plant and beautify the place generally may be carried out, and at the same time, too, the securing for that neighborhood of an athletic field that cannot possibly be arranged otherwise.

PLAYGROUND AT BAY AND VIEW STREETS.

Owing to insufficient funds nothing has been done toward grading the Playground at Bay and View streets, and because of the need of a shelter house and apparatus little could be accomplished in supervision of play and games there this last season. Plans are under way, however, for grading the grounds next spring and building a shelter house. We want to urge that this be accomplished.

LAFAYETTE AVENUE PLAYGROUND.

The Lafayette Avenue Playground, that was conducted last summer within the private skating park opposite the Parental School, was the first attempt that our department has made to conduct a playground on property not owned by the city. It was done at the urgent request of prominent citizens and educators because of the close proximity to the Parental School, and the obvious advantage of having the two enterprises thus closely associated.

Our experience in this undertaking, however, was not encouraging. While we feel that good was accomplished, and that that neighborhood should be provided with a commodious playground of the regular sort at the earliest possible moment, yet the expense and difficulty of maintaining one under the conditions of last summer compel us to advise against the attempt until the ground can be purchased and properly equipped with buildings and apparatus.

SKATING RINKS.

Skating rinks have been maintained under the supervision of guards on three of the grounds this winter. They have proven to be very popular among the youngsters; and exceedingly satisfactory from our standpoint as affording opportunity for healthful exercise and recreation for the winter months.

THE POLICY OF THE COMMITTEE.

Suggestions are coming to us constantly from all quarters of the city relative to the establishment of new playgrounds here and there. In most cases these requests are reasonable and the suggestions are based upon good judgment and real need; but we must continue our past policy of more thoroughly equipping and developing the grounds already purchased before buying more, because it is only after adequate development and supervision has been established that our playgrounds become more than mere vacant lots. We can provide new grounds only very gradually from the meagre sum of \$10,000, out of which we must maintain and conduct the old ones also.

If by an act of the legislature or any other process suitable tracts of land could be acquired the above sum, to which our City Charter limits us, would serve for the salaries of workers and the maintenance of a considerable number of grounds.

The following is a summary of receipts and expenditures for the year:

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation 1907	\$10,000.00
Balance 1906	3,904.07
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Total receipts	\$13,904.07

EXPENDITURES.

Payrolls	\$3,562.94
Purchase of land.....	3,200.00
New buildings	3,577.10
Materials and supplies.....	1,190.01
Total	<u>\$11,530.05</u>
Balance on hand.....	<u>\$2,374.02</u>

PLAYGROUND WORK IN OTHER CITIES.

Let us call your attention for a moment to recent developments along this line in other cities.

Los Angeles has added this year the sixth Playground (a tract of six and a fourth acres) to its already effective system, and maintains besides four "Vacation Playgrounds" in Public School yards. Two of the most interesting features of the Los Angeles work, and illustrative of the breadth of the Playground idea, are the enthusiastic inter-playground athletic matches and tournaments and the "Story Hour," which brings to each Playground several times a week a kindergarten teacher who can and does tell "dandy stories." The Playground Commission is just now putting much effort and \$20,000 of its funds into the erection of a Municipal Recreation Center, a large and attractive building in a congested part of the city that will furnish gymnasium, club rooms, baths, etc. When other wings in the plan have been added the cost will be \$50,000. The Los Angeles Daily Times says of this building: "In this new Municipal Center Los Angeles is following in the train of the more advanced cities of the United States, who have found how well such chances for recreation and cleanliness pay in the decrease of crime. Play-places are being provided instead of jails. It is simply prevention instead of cure, for happy people are nearly always good people."

New York has gone on acquiring million dollar playgrounds, paying the enormous price asked for land in the crowded districts because her people realize the great need for this work.

The West Park Commission of Chicago, with a million dollars at its disposal, and the North Park with half that sum, are adding new Playgrounds similar to the world-famous ones of the South Side. The Chicago system was viewed and admired by Playground workers from

all over the country when "The Playground Association of America" held its First Annual Convention and Play Festival there last summer.

Portland, Oregon, made a large appropriation last year for Playgrounds. San Francisco, who had before the fire voted a bond issue of \$741,000.00 for the purchase of two grounds in congested districts, has recently appointed a Playground Commission. Washington, Cleveland, Newark, Denver, Oakland, Cal., Buffalo, St. Louis, Baltimore, Detroit and many other smaller cities have made playground history faster than in any previous year.

Interchange of playground ideas has been made possible through "The Playground," a little monthly magazine published by the Playgrounds Association of America, as well as by the general efforts and meetings of that association.

A table of "Expenditures of American Cities for Playgrounds in 1907," taken from the December issue of "The Playground," is of interest:

New York: \$64,894 for maintenance and \$385,000 for vacation schools and playgrounds.

Washington: \$75,000 sites; \$6,500 maintenance and \$6,000 additional by private contributions.

Philadelphia: \$30,650.

Denver: \$50,000 sites; \$10,000 maintenance.

Los Angeles: \$100,000 sites; \$10,000 maintenance.

New Haven: \$50,000 sites.

St. Paul: Sites and maintenance \$10,000.

Rochester: \$50,00 sites; \$5,000 maintenance.

Kansas City, Mo.: \$204,000 sites.

Orange: \$50,000 sites; \$10,000 maintenance.

Bridgeport: Gift of tract of land worth \$50,000.

The Pittsburg Playground Association includes in its regular work the maintenance of vacation schools both indoor and outdoor, with a curriculum that includes cooking, sewing, nature study, art, singing, physical training, woodwork and basketry, and closes the schools and seasons with popular "Play Festivals." One of Pittsburg's attractive ideas is that of observing every Friday as "Flower Day," when every child at play-school or playground receives a small bouquet.

Of no small importance to the progress of Playground development throughout the country was the Playground Exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition, which, though installed late in the summer and very hastily

collected, was a means of educating many visitors in this new subject of civic interest. Our city was represented by four large cards mounted with selections from our best cuts, and so artistically arranged that they attracted considerable attention. Credit for this work as well as for other helpful things is due to Miss Emma M. Larson, the Chairman's private secretary.

You will find appended to this the report of the Supervisor for the year.

A. W. DUNNING,
Chairman.

J. F. FISHER,
Secretary.

Report of the Supervisor of Playgrounds.

To the Chairman of the Playground Committee:

The playgrounds opened May 4th and closed November 1, 1907.

Until the close of the schools the largest share of the work was done at the recess time of the public schools, and at the noon hour. The Phalen Park school turned out nearly 700, and the Scheffer about 300, pupils upon the grounds daily at recess. Only a limited number of children could be accommodated on the apparatus, and judging from the large attendance one can readily see that we are in need of more apparatus to carry the work through successfully, in justice to the children and ourselves.

During the summer months the following schedule of exercises were used with more or less regularity: 9 to 11 A. M., games; 11 to 12, story hour; 2 to 4 P. M., general practice and sewing; 4 to 5:30, games. The new features of the work this year are the sewing classes which were organized at Lafayette and Arlington Hills.

The first part of July a collection of about 200 books was contributed by an interested friend, which were placed in the shelter houses at Arlington Hills and Fifth ward. The books were in constant use all summer by both boys and girls.

The following program of work was carried out on the Arlington Hills ground under the inspiring leadership of Miss Marie Slack: "Some very pretty scrapbooks were made and classified as follows: 1. Educational. 2. Geographical. 3. Comic. 4. Animal. 5. Baby. 6. Flowers. 7. Miscellaneous. This work afforded excellent training and was done with evident satisfaction."

"During the story hour selections were read from such books as Jane Andrews, Seven Little Sisters, Anderson's Fairy Tales, Mitchell's Prince Little Boy, Kingsley's Water Babies, and others of a similar nature."

"It was a pretty sight to see from 30 to 40 girls, seated in kindergarten chairs, busily plying their needles. By popular vote the girls at Arlington Hills named their sewing class the "Rosebud Sewing Bee," and an appropriate "yell" was learned:

"Boom-a lacka, boom-a lacka, bow, wow, wow,

Ching-a lacka, ching-a lacka, chow, chow, chow.

Who are we? Who are we?

We are the Rosebuds, can't you see?"

The finished work in sewing was as follows: Bags 87, pin balls 22, pen wipers 20, holders 5, cross-stitch pieces 71, doll quilts 26, blocks for bed quilt 50; total, 281. The blocks were made up into a quilt and sent to the Morehead, Mississippi, school for colored children. Thus the idea of helping others has been instilled into the minds to some degree, and interest in the children of another part of our country aroused. Three prizes were awarded: First, for best work, was given to Esther Peterson; the second, for most work and best attendance, to Polly Davis; the third, for neatness in work, to Agnes Wernstrum. On Friday, August 30, the "Rosebuds" held a closing party which was planned and managed entirely by themselves, a rollicking good time and plenty of refreshments were enjoyed."

The little tots have not been neglected. For them, when tired of playing out of doors, in the shelter house were always plenty of paper dolls, bright pictures to be cut out and a few kindergarten cards to work."

The swings and giant strides have proven most attractive of all the apparatus. For the boys there was also a most successful baseball league. On formal occasions each player and rooter wore his badges, and the manager carried a pennant with his club colors.

Como playgrounds again won the baseball championship. About the middle of August a field day was held at Como Park. Fully 400 children took advantage of the outing. They were taken to the park in chartered cars. The Lafayettes carried off high honors, making 36 points, while Como was able to secure 28. Arlington Hills was third with 12, and the Fifth ward fourth with 9. Prizes such as baseballs, bats, masks, dolls, wagons and the like, were awarded to the winners. The prizes were kindly donated by the merchants of the city.

The bath rooms at the Como grounds are entirely too small and inadequate for the demand, and should be improved and enlarged for next season. The average number of baths per day were as follows: Boys 87, girls 36, total 123. Largest number taken any one day: Boys 125, girls 69, total 193.

The skating rinks at Como and Arlington Hills were opened December 10, and are crowded daily.

The season has gone by without a single serious accident, but there have been the usual number of bruises and scratches to be expected among so many children, which have necessitated the free use of bandages, absorbent cotton, hydrogen peroxide and salve.

It is wrong to place in charge of children a person who cannot lead in physical training exercises, or who cannot endure the nervous strain of playground work. The child should never be placed under the care

of a person whose physical nature is likely to develop either physical, moral or mental qualities which he ought not to imitate. Imitation is the strongest force in the education of the child. Some children do not care to play, and need to be encouraged, not forced, or the purpose of play for recreation would be lost. When forced, play becomes work. Above all, the child needs intelligent direction and the past year has shown that the children flock to the playground where the teacher is directing, while it is an acknowledged fact that the playground with the untrained person as director is generally used very little. Therefore, in order that we may secure competent assistants for the coming year, I would suggest that a higher scale of wages be paid.

Although only a few years since this phase of civic betterment was inaugurated in our city, remarkable progress has been made. The immense good to be accomplished in the future can only be foreseen by those already familiar with its possibilities. The playground affords to children the one great opportunity for qualities that grow out of meeting others of their kind under conditions of freedom. It develops progressively, from babyhood on, that sense of human relationship which is fundamental to wholesome living.

It is hoped that the ardent efforts of the Playgrounds Committee will be supplemented by the co-operation of all citizens interested in the uplifting and well-being of the rising generations.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL F. ROTHFUSS,
Supervisor.

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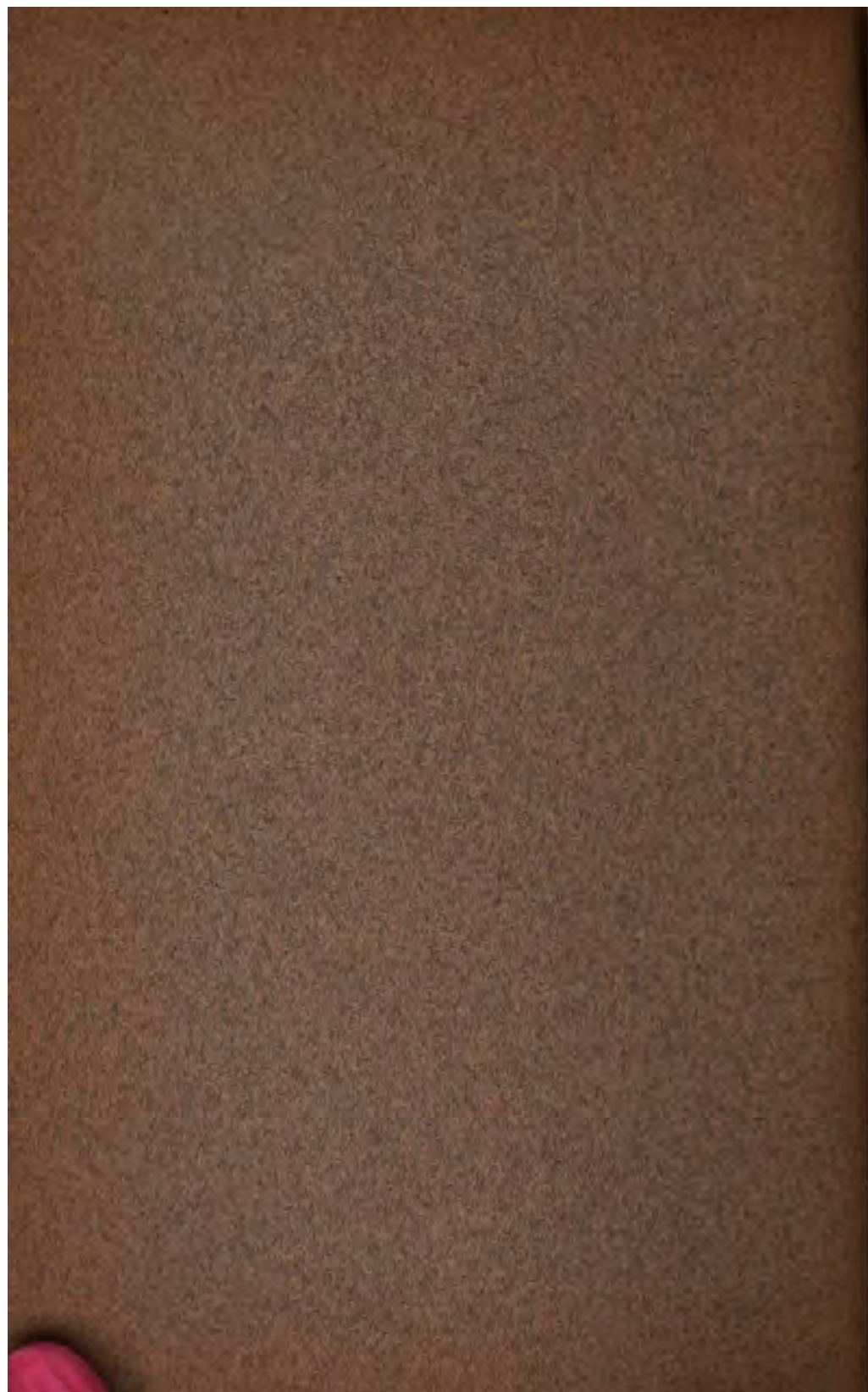
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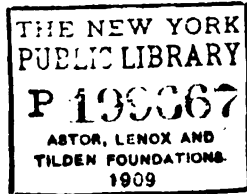
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March, 1896, to March, 1897.

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WILLIAM HAMM.
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March, 1897, to March, 1898.

DANIEL ABERLE.
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March, 1898, to March, 1899.

PERCY D. GODFREY.
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March, 1899, to March, 1900.

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March, 1900, to March, 1901.

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March, 1905, to March, 1906.

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LEWIS A. ROBINSON.
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March, 1906, to March, 1907.

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March, 1907, to March, 1908.

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LEWIS A. ROBINSON.
WILLIAM HAMM.

TENURE OF OFFICE

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WILLIAM HAMM.....	March 1, 1909.	March 1, 1914.
DANIEL ABERLE.....	March 1, 1905.	March 1, 1910.
DR. ROBERT O. EARL.....	March 1, 1906.	March 1, 1911.
HERBERT W. TOPPING.....	March 1, 1907.	March 1, 1912.

REPORT OF
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
FOR 1908

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Mayor D. W. Lawler and the Common Council of the City of St. Paul.

Gentlemen: I herewith present to you the annual report of the Board of Park Commissioners for the year 1908.

The requirements and demands for Parks, Parkways, Recreation and Playgrounds for our rapid growing and ambitious city would exhaust a fund several times larger than the one now placed at the disposal of the Park Commission. During the past year five new parks were acquired with a combined area of 16.7 acres. All these acquisitions were secured through the efforts of interested citizens and the entire cost was assumed by them. Two of these parks, Horton and Newell, are in Hamline; College Park in St. Anthony Park "North"; Bay and Ramsey Triangles are located in the Fifth ward. There are at present two more acquisitions of land under the process of condemnation; both of them petitioned by interested citizens, one on the West Side and the other in the Crocus Hill district. If all these acquisitions are terminated, the total acreage of the City Park System will contain 1131.09 acres. The completion of condemnation proceedings by the Board of Public Works for Wheelock Parkway, a strip of land 120 feet wide between Como and Phalen Parks, will increase the acreage of the Parkway system to 413.35 acres; making a total area of 1544.44 acres for the whole system.

From the foregoing it can be seen that the tax levy amount, fixed by the Charter at \$90,000.00, will hardly be sufficient for proper maintenance. While the authorized bond issue of \$50,000.00 will greatly

relieve the strained condition of the Park Fund, it can only be considered temporary relief, and at the expiration of two more years when that authority will be exhausted, the Board will find itself even in a worse predicament, because by that time the Charter limit fund of \$90,000.00 will be entirely too inadequate to maintain and care for the improved portions of the Park System. Therefore I would respectfully direct your attention to the necessity of amending the charter provision, so that the needed funds of the Park Department would be provided for out of the proceeds of 1½ mill tax.

The progress made during the year in park and parkway improvements is very gratifying. The completion of the Riverside Drive for almost its entire distance of 7 miles, is of especial importance as it marks a triumphant achievement of a gigantic work, which began more than 18 years ago under many adverse and seemingly hopeless conditions.

The Park land along the crest and slopes of the river bluff contains 177.29 acres, covered with a native growth of trees and shrubs.

This drive must be considered as the finest parkway on the continent, its magnificent panorama of river prospects cannot be outrivalled, nor can its charms in scenic beauty be duplicated.

Lexington Parkway from Summit Avenue to Como Park is now complete. The last section between the Great Northern Railway and Langford Avenue has been graded and macadamized during the year and this parkway will now be ready as a pleasure drive for its entire distance between the above referred to points. It is expected that the City will improve Lexington Avenue from Summit Avenue, south to West Seventh street, before long, so as to complete this important driveway in its entire distance, from Como Park south to the River Boulevard.

It is to be regretted that this Board can not legally acquire jurisdiction and control of public streets as parkways or pleasure drives; even after the Common Council has by ordinance set such streets aside for parkways. The Board does not seem to acquire power of unquestionable authority for the regulation of traffic, for water, sewer, gas or any other needed appliance for the adjoining property; so that money spent from the park fund for improvements of whatever nature, on such so-called parkways, is wasted because the service companies can not be legally made to comply with the regulations of the Park Commission to replace sod on side lawns or properly refill excavations made in the roadways.

A NEW ENTRANCE TO COMO PARK.

The finishing of this roadway gives to Como Park a new dignity. The entrance drive is 48 feet wide, curbed and macadamized. There should be an entrance gate constructed near the intersection of Como Avenue and Union Street, but the Board has no money to spare for this purpose.

INDIAN MOUNDS PARK.

In beauty and picturesque scenery this park stands in a class by itself. Its popularity and unique location suggest an appropriate development of all its possible improvements so as to bring it into full use and enjoyment of its visitors. The suggestion of the Superintendent, to devote a large portion of its ravines and sidehills to a systematic botanical planting of our native trees and shrubs should be encouraged by the Board, as such an arboretum would prove of considerable value to our Park system.

COMO AVENUE AND INTENDED PARKWAY.

Como Avenue from the State Capitol to Como Park has by reason of street car tracks being located on that portion between Rice and Dale streets, received scant attention for improvements. The Board of Park Commission, under an opinion of the corporation attorney, was advised that it has no legal authority to spend money for improving any street as a Parkway, on which street car tracks are located. This ruling removes the possibility of making Como Avenue the down town approach which it was designed to be, as long as the car tracks remain on it.

There is no possibility nor feasibility to find another parkway route from the business portion of the city equally direct. Como avenue must be considered as the indispensable link of connecting the heart of the city and Capitol Grounds with Como Park and through this park with the radius of the comprehensive parkway system, which the Park Board has planned and is now engaged in its development. Therefore it is hoped that the citizens will lend their aid to restore and free Como avenue from street car tracks and place it at the disposal of the Park Board for its original purpose for which it was intended when it was first laid out.

For a detailed statement of the transactions of the business of the Board, the work it has accomplished and the money expended, I respectfully refer you to the reports of the Secretary and the Superintendent of the Board, which herewith follows.

Respectfully,

DANIEL ABERLE,
President Board of Park Commissioners.

Report of the Superintendent.

To the Honorable the Board of Park Commissioners.

Mr. Daniel Aberle, President.

Sir: The following is a report of the work done under your direction during the year 1908.

IMPROVEMENT.

COMO PARK.

Como Park entrance grading from the intersection of Union Street to the Lake necessitated the removal of 6,580 cubic yards of material at a cost of \$2336.35. The roadbed was graded to a width of 48 feet. The curbing and macadamizing amounted to \$1356.69.

Owing to the construction of a sewer on the Lake drive from Maryland Street to Horton Avenue, that portion of the driveway had to be redressed and rolled; the amount spent for the work was \$106.59. 394 feet of 8 inch drain pipe were laid to carry off surface water at an expense of \$99.22.

A cement tile floor, 4,784 square feet was laid in the old station shelter building at an expense of \$341.64, including steps and curbstones.

A cement tile floor was laid in the basement of the pavilion requiring 5,961 square feet at an expense of \$625.36.

The construction of a new boat dock cost \$1033.70.

A public comfort station was built of cement construction near the greenhouse yard at a cost of \$747.01. The mens' toilet building near the pavilion was removed and placed in to the upper picnic ground. This building proved too small for the demand made upon it and a larger one, built of concrete, had to be provided for this place, while the old one will do a few years service for the picnic ground. The expense for the new building was \$538.27 and for the removing of the old one and building of vault for same the expense was \$217.81.

On account of the high stage of water in Lake Como the sum of \$584.04 had to be spent to make the driveway safe.

INDIAN MOUNDS PARK.

The work of grading the continuation of the Hoffman Avenue approach has progressed to an extent where the future expense for that work can be greatly reduced. The drive way is in a shape so it can be used for its entire distance. The amount of earth transferred was 11,630 cubic yards at an expense of \$1736.14. Forty-six feet of 10-inch pipe for draining surface water were put in at a cost of \$32.00.

PHALEN PARK.

By far the heaviest expense incurred was for the construction of the Dredge boat, being in its total \$9205.50—1,610 cubic yards of material for grading and surfacing roadways were hauled. Owing to the condition of the soil some of the material had to be hauled a considerable distance, the expense for this work was \$510.23.

LEXINGTON PARKWAY.

Sidelawn grading made considerable progress; one mile in distance of this work was completed during the past season at an expense of \$1876.07. The grading and macadamizing of that portion of Lexington avenue lying between the Great Northern Railway bridge and Como Park was completed late in the season. The amount of money spent for this improvement was, for grading \$2044.96; for crushed stone \$4626.00; for rolling \$12.00; a total of \$6712.96.

RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD.

The grading of the two miles of roadway from lock and dam No. 1 to the intersection of Cleveland avenue has been completed at a cost of \$4826.59, of this amount \$325.00 was spent for 800 feet of stone culverts which had to be constructed in the line of work to drain wet and swampy places. That portion of the River drive laying north of Marshall avenue has not been entirely finished for the reason of delay in constructing the new bridge. The construction work on the River Boulevard "North" was for grading roadway \$5,347.61; for bridge construction \$15,000.00; a total of \$20,347.61.

COLLEGE PARK.

The amount spent for tree planting in this park was \$88.79. The trees were all donated by Professor S. B. Green.

COMO AVENUE.

The forty foot strip of land on the south side of Como avenue has been filled and graded; 5,478 cubic yards of earth was required; the amount spent was \$2,850.00.

MAINTENANCE.

May be properly termed housekeeping in the park management and an itemized description of this work in all its details is hardly necessary. The following is a general statement of expenditures:

GENERAL EXPENDITURES.**ADMINISTRATION.**

Salary of Superintendent.....	\$4,000.00	
Wages of Gen'l Foreman, Clerk, etc.....	2,722.30	
Stationery and miscellaneous supplies.....	246.36	
Purchase of tools and repair.....	711.72	
Automobile repair and supplies.....	766.05	
Gasoline, oil, etc. for Automobile.....	139.67	
Insurance on Automobile.....	50.00	
Driver	490.00	
		<u>\$9,126.10</u>

HORSES, WAGONS AND BLACKSMITHING.

General barn work.....	\$1,637.73	
Oats for horses.....	1,205.80	
New harness and repairs.....	91.67	
Veterinary services.....	13.85	
New wagons, plows, etc.....	167.00	
Lumber for wagon boxes and repairs.....	183.46	
Wagon grease.....	7.40	
Blacksmith wages.....	729.40	
Blacksmith supply.....	80.60	
		<u>\$4,116.91</u>

GREENHOUSE.

General Greenhouse work.....	\$3,270.32	
Greenhouse and hotbed repair.....	374.56	
Purchase of plants, bulbs and seed.....	163.52	
Coal for heating.....	2,109.25	
Hauling and storing earth, etc.....	109.96	
Flower pots and miscellaneous supplies.....	93.76	
		<u>\$6,121.37</u>

NURSERY.

General nursery work.....	\$368.19	
Purchase of trees and shrubs.....	202.51	
		<u>\$570.70</u>

MAINTENANCE.**COMO PARK.****PUMPING STATION.**

Engineer and firemen.....	\$2,083.28	
Purchase of coal and storing same.....	681.68	
Boiler compound, engine oil, etc.....	142.50	
		<u>\$2,907.46</u>

BOATS AND BOAT DOCK.

Boat repair and storing.....	\$280.16	
Paint oil and lumber for repair.....	89.72	
Oars and oarlocks.....	89.90	
Boat crew.....	960.31	
	<hr/>	\$1,420.09

SIGHT-SEEING CARS.

Crews	\$877.62	
Tires, chains, etc., for Packard car.....	171.10	
Gasoline, oil and miscellaneous supplies.....	279.30	
	<hr/>	\$1,328.02

ANIMALS.

Keeper	\$372.00	
Setting fence.....	124.50	
Feed	101.20	
	<hr/>	\$597.70

COMFORT STATIONS.

Matrons	\$320.00	
Repair	25.82	
Supplies, paper, etc.....	33.70	
	<hr/>	\$379.52

BUILDING REPAIR.

Shingling, plastering and porch floor repair.....	\$541.00	
	<hr/>	\$541.00

POLICE FORCE.

Park police.....	\$2,443.98	
Watchmen	1,761.00	
	<hr/>	\$4,204.98

PICNIC GROUND.

Janitor for shelterhouse.....	\$201.30	
Insurance on shelterhouse.....	62.50	
Supplies, waste baskets, etc.....	24.60	
	<hr/>	\$288.40

PLAYGROUND.

Matron	\$140.00	
Swing repair.....	23.75	
	<hr/>	\$163.75

WATER WORKS.

Repair	\$370.85	
Pipes and fittings.....	109.58	
Tools and miscell. supplies.....	20.11	
	<hr/>	\$500.54

SKATING RINK AND RACE TRACK.

Labor and material building warming room.....	\$92.12	
Cleaning rink and track.....	108.31	
	<hr/>	\$200.43

LILY POND.

Repair on basin.....	\$198.65	
Cement	116.61	
Planting	12.90	
	<hr/>	\$328.16

PAVILION.

Cleaning basement, painting fence.....	\$59.97	
	<hr/>	\$59.97

FLORAL DECORATION.

Planting, watering and cleaning beds.....	\$784.94	
Covering	23.10	
	<hr/>	\$808.04

JAPANESE GARDEN.

Cutting grass and sprinkling.....	\$174.27	
	<hr/>	\$174.27

TREES AND SHRUBS.

Tree trimmer	\$620.15	
Mulching, watering and covering.....	171.98	
	<hr/>	\$792.13

ROADS AND WALKS.

Repairing and cleaning.....	\$1,950.11	
Regrading lake shore drive.....	690.63	
Teams sprinkling.....	275.87	
Labor and material for weed killer.....	35.52	
	<hr/>	\$2,952.13

LAWNS.

Top dressing and cleaning.....	\$577.55	
Cutting grass.....	2,840.60	
Making hay.....	952.21	
Sprinkling	155.39	
	<hr/>	\$4,525.75

CONCERTS.

Music	\$9,126.00	
	<hr/>	\$9,126.00

MISCELLANEOUS WORK.

Cleaning ground.....	\$1,676.77	
Painting and repairing fence and settees.....	111.76	
Filling in old gravel pit.....	69.64	
	<hr/>	\$1,858.17

PHALEN PARK.**POLICE FORCE.**

Park Police.....	\$604.49	
Watchmen	1,101.25	
	<hr/>	\$1,705.74

BOATS.

Boat supplies.....	\$44.96	
Labor and material for repair.....	176.41	
Insurance on boats.....	56.25	
Boat crew.....	648.68	
Labor and material for boat dock repair.....	168.90	
	<hr/>	\$1,095.20

LAUNCH.

Crew	\$110.50	
Repair on launch machinery.....	107.75	
Insurance	25.00	
Gasoline, etc.....	39.40	
Launch dock repair.....	108.70	
	<hr/>	\$391.35

DREDGE.

Insurance	\$120.00	
Watchmen	182.87	
Coal	48.57	
	<hr/>	\$351.44

SHEEP.

Digging well and care of sheep.....	\$70.14	
Feed	13.10	
	<hr/>	\$83.24

CUSTODIAN HOUSE.

Painting and wall paper.....	\$43.00	
Construction of cess-pool.....	92.86	
	<hr/>	\$135.86

TREES AND SHRUBS.

Trimming and watering trees.....	\$37.72	
	<hr/>	\$37.72

WATER WORKS.

Pumping water.....	\$68.75	
Gasoline for pump.....	20.00	
	<hr/>	\$88.75

CANAL BRIDGE.

Moving bridge.....	\$85.55	
	<hr/>	\$85.55

SEWER SYSTEM.

Pumping sewage.....	\$48.00	
Electric current.....	62.00	
	<hr/>	\$110.00

COMFORT STATION.

Matron	\$160.00	
Repairs	14.87	
Supplies	14.50	
	<hr/>	\$189.37

LAWNS.

Cutting and raking grass.....	\$1,066.86	
	<hr/>	\$1,066.86

ROADS AND WALKS.

Repairing and cleaning.....	\$419.85	
	<hr/>	\$419.85

MICELLANEOUS WORK AND SUPPLIES.

Cleaning ground.....	\$602.48	
Tearing down old dredge.....	207.65	
Purchase of hay rack.....	29.35	
Miscellaneous tools and supply.....	14.90	
	<hr/>	\$854.38

INDIAN MOUNDS PARK.

LAWNS.

Hauling and spreading manure.....	\$311.95	
Cutting and raking grass.....	806.25	
	<hr/>	\$1,118.20

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ROADS.

Repairing and cleaning.....	\$423.45	
	<u> </u>	\$423.45

TREES AND SHRUBS.

Trimming trees.....	\$42.20	
	<u> </u>	\$42.20

PAVILION.

Insurance	\$100.00	
	<u> </u>	\$100.00

POLICE FORCE.

Park police.....	\$281.66	
Watchmen	435.99	
	<u> </u>	\$717.65

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES.

Repair on tools.....	\$2.05	
Abstracting plats.....	2.00	
	<u> </u>	\$4.05

RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD.

POLICE FORCE.

Park police.....	\$155.80	
	<u> </u>	\$155.80

ROCK CRUSHER.

Watchmen	\$693.98	
Wood and coal.....	232.98	
	<u> </u>	\$926.96

ROADS.

Cleaning and repair on road.....	\$866.80	
	<u> </u>	\$866.80

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES.

Purchase of tools and pipe.....	\$41.69	
Abstracting land.....	4.50	
	<u> </u>	\$46.19

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LEXINGTON BOULEVARD.

POLICE FORCE.

Park police.....	<u>\$429.00</u>	\$429.00
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ROAD.

Road repair.....	\$133.60	
Cutting grass.....	73.19	
Team sprinkling road.....	<u>31.49</u>	\$238.28

TREES.

Trimming and watering trees.....	<u>\$67.53</u>	\$67.53
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SUMMIT BOULEVARD.

Cutting grass and sprinkling.....	<u>\$826.12</u>	\$826.12
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COMO BOULEVARD.

Cutting grass.....	\$163.47	
Road repair.....	<u>223.00</u>	\$386.47

COMO AVENUE, "EAST OF WESTERN AVENUE."

Cutting grass and watering trees.....	<u>\$61.17</u>	\$61.17
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MIDWAY PARKWAY.

Road repair.....	<u>\$150.34</u>	\$150.34
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SMALL CITY PARKS AND SQUARES.

Hamm Park.....	\$59.44
Lewis Park.....	170.03
Leyton Place.....	56.67
Central Park.....	514.78
Lafayette Park.....	273.99
Public Bath Approach.....	243.21
Alice Park.....	117.38
Terrace Park.....	117.38
Irvine Park.....	245.02
Rice Park.....	407.70
Summit Park.....	230.58
Park Place.....	95.21
Oakland Park.....	218.70
Smith Park.....	326.61

Summit Outlook.....	165.62	
Holcombe Park.....	104.06	
Lake Iris Park.....	109.51	
Merriam Terrace Park.....	482.14	
Hampden Park.....	246.64	
College Park.....	194.07	
Langford Park.....	460.99	
Commonwealth Park.....	240.23	
Cherokee Hights Park.....	216.96	
Watchman in City Parks.....	524.81	
	<hr/>	\$5,821.73

CITY STREETS.

Grass cutting on city streets.....	\$2,681.60	
	<hr/>	\$2,681.60

OUTSIDE WORK.

Tree trimming and garden work.....	\$438.17	
	<hr/>	\$438.17

IMPROVEMENTS—COMO PARK.

COLONIAL GARDEN.

Replanting flowers.....	\$123.49	
	<hr/>	\$123.49

PLAYGROUND.

Purchase of new swing.....	\$347.13	
Labor and material setting up swing.....	4.87	
	<hr/>	\$352.00

COMFORT STATION NO. 1.

Excavating and hauling material.....	\$67.37	
Construction	304.87	
Cement	156.98	
Lumber and mill work.....	129.91	
Nails and miscellaneous hardware.....	7.98	
Carpenter work.....	79.90	
	<hr/>	\$747.01

MENS' COMFORT HOUSE.

Construction	\$402.25	
Cement	127.02	
Lumber	9.00	
	<hr/>	\$538.27

PICNIC GROUND COMFORT HOUSE.

Excavating and constructing vault.....	\$190.10	
Cement	27.71	
	<hr/>	\$217.81

PAVILION.

Grading and filling in basement.....	\$207.20	
Laying tiles in basement.....	417.27	
Cement for repair.....	.89	
Erecting Marquise on Pavilion.....	4,083.95	
	<hr/>	\$4,709.31

CANAL FOOTBRIDGE.

Construction of piers.....	\$44.61	
Cement	19.82	
Lumber	24.00	
	<hr/>	\$88.43

SIGHT-SEEING CAR.

Purchase of Mitchel car.....	\$2,805.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,805.00

COMO APPROACH.

Grading, sufacing and rolling.....	\$2,475.28	
Purchase of crushed rock.....	924.00	
Constructing cement curb.....	270.88	
Cement	161.81	
Pipes for culverts.....	58.12	
	<hr/>	\$3,890.09

PARK SETTEES.

Purchase of Park Settees.....	\$150.00	
	<hr/>	\$150.00

TREES AND SHRUBS.

Planting trees and shrubs.....	\$186.58	
	<hr/>	\$186.58

ROADS.

Constructing curb on Lily pond road.....	\$119.95	
Cement	65.79	
Grading road near Schiller monument.....	31.62	
	<hr/>	\$217.36

BOAT DOCK.

Laying new boat dock.....	\$407.25	
Lumber and nails.....	626.45	
	<hr/>	\$1,033.70

STATION SHELTER HOUSE.

Grading and laying tiles and building cement steps.	258.42	
Cement	60.37	
Repair and painting.....	20.25	
Nails	2.60	
	<hr/>	\$341.64

PHALEN PARK.**DREDGE BOAT.**

Construction of boat.....	\$8,450.00	
Engineers resetting machinery.....	379.32	
New chain, smoke stack and miscellaneous casting	346.68	
Painting boat.....	29.50	
	<u> </u>	\$9,205.50

SEWER SYSTEM.

Installing sewer system.....	\$1,735.00	
Digging cess pool.....	277.32	
	<u> </u>	\$2,012.32

ISLAND.

Grading	\$47.25	
	<u> </u>	\$47.25

BRIDGES.

Hauling stone and building retaining wall.....	\$280.55	
Dredging approach for boulevard bridge.....	102.25	
	<u> </u>	\$382.80

CAR STATION.

Grading	\$176.75	
	<u> </u>	\$176.75

ROADS.

Grading Lake road	\$510.23	
	<u> </u>	\$510.23

LAWNS.

Grading and sodding lawns.....	\$988.55	
	<u> </u>	\$988.55

TREES.

Planting trees and shrubs.....	\$5.25	
	<u> </u>	\$5.25

LAKE PHALEN-GERVAIS BOULEVARD.

Payment on Wis. Central Ry. bridge.....	\$5,000.00	
Abstracting land	10.00	
	<u> </u>	\$5,010.00

INDIAN MOUNDS PARKS.

ROADS.

Grading Hoffman Ave. approach.....	<u>\$1,736.14</u>	\$1,736.14
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LAWNS.

Grading south hill.....	<u>\$248.40</u>	\$248.40
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TREES AND SHRUBS.

Planting trees and shrubs.....	<u>\$44.80</u>	\$44.80
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RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD.

ROCK CRUSHER.

Purchase of boiler, engine, elevator, etc.....	\$1,592.85	
Water tank	14.00	
Supplies and repairs.....	110.72	
Construction of building and setting up machinery	636.29	
Lumber for building.....	<u>223.20</u>	\$2,577.06

ROADS.

Grading south of Surrey St. to 7th.....	\$4,826.59	
Setting monuments	21.60	
Grading "North extension".....	5,347.61	
Reducing grade at Shadow Falls.....	2,849.66	
Crushing rock	3,624.11	
Hauling and spreading rock.....	1,121.81	
Rolling	36.00	
Powder, etc., and miscel. supplies.....	<u>51.28</u>	\$17,878.66

BRIDGE.

Construction of bridge.....	<u>\$15,000.00</u>	\$15,000.00
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RESERVE BOULEVARD.

Surveying	<u>\$244.60</u>	\$244.60
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LEXINGTON BOULEVARD.

Grading road and sidelawns.....	\$3,604.58	
Purchase of grass seed.....	45.00	
Surfacing with crushed rock.....	316.45	
Purchase of crushed rock.....	4,626.00	
Rolling	12.00	
Grading McKenty Street approach.....	545.04	
Building curb near N. P. Ry. bridge.....	31.33	
Cement for curb.....	28.93	
	<hr/>	\$9,209.33

COMO AVENUE (East of Western Ave.)

Grading and filling in side lawns.....	\$2,850.00	
Planting trees	55.27	
	<hr/>	\$2,905.27

WHEELOCK PARKWAY.

Making assessment	\$60.00	
	<hr/>	\$60.00

COLLEGE PARK.

Planting trees	\$88.79	
	<hr/>	\$88.79

HORTON PARK.

Grading and building skating rink.....	\$64.40	
Cement for man hole.....	1.19	
Recording plats.....	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$67.59

RAMSEY TRIANGLE.

Grading and sodding.....	\$91.21	
Recording plats	1.15	
	<hr/>	\$92.36

NEWEL PARK.

Recording plats	\$2.00	
	<hr/>	\$2.00

CENTRAL PARK.

Building cement steps.....	\$44.41	
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CITY STREETS.

Planting trees on Laurel Avenue.....	\$92.12	
	<hr/>	\$92.12

EXPENIDTURE FOR EACH PARK.

	Maintenance.	Improvement.	Total.
General Expenditures			\$19,935.09
Como Park	\$33,156.51	\$15,400.69	48,557.20
Phalen Park	6,615.31	13,328.65	19,943.96
Phalen-Gervais Boulevard		5,010.00	5,010.00
Indian Mounds Parks.....	2,405.55	2,029.34	4,434.89
Riverside Boulevard	1,995.75	35,455.72	37,451.47
Reserve Boulevard		244.60	244.60
Lexington Boulevard	734.81	9,209.33	9,944.14
Summit Boulevard	826.12		826.12
Como Boulevard	386.47		386.47
Como Ave. (east of Western)...	61.17	2,905.27	2,966.44
Midway Parkway	150.34		150.34
Hamm Park	59.44		59.44
Lewis Park	170.03		170.03
Lytton Place	56.67		56.67
Central Park	514.78	44.41	559.19
Lafayette Park	273.99		273.99
Public Bath Approach.....	243.21		243.21
Alice Park	117.38		117.38
Terrace Park	117.38		117.38
Irvine Park	245.02		245.02
Rice Park	407.70		407.70
Summit Park	230.58		230.58
Park Place	95.21		95.21
Oakland Park	218.70		218.70
Smith Park	326.61		326.61
Summit Outlook	165.62		165.62
Holcombe Park	104.06		104.06
Lake Iris Park.....	109.51		109.51
Merriam Terrace Park.....	482.14		482.14
Hampden Park	246.64		246.64
College Park	194.07	88.79	282.86
Langford Park	460.99		460.99
Commonwealth Park	240.23		240.23
Cherokee Heights Park.....	216.96		216.96
City Parks Watchman.....	524.81		524.81
Horton Park		67.59	67.59
Ramsey Triangle		92.36	92.36
Newel Park		2.00	2.00
Wheelock Parkway		60.00	60.00
City Streets	2,681.60	92.12	2,773.72
Outside Work			438.17
Total	\$54,835.36	\$84,030.87	\$159,239.48

TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR EACH MONTH.

January	\$7,296.29
February	5,576.23
March	11,700.22
April	7,376.85
May	12,032.60
June	15,291.71
July	22,414.19
August	17,586.28
September	21,099.94
October	13,758.36
November	12,140.54
December	12,966.17
Total	\$159,239.48

NUMBER OF DAYS WORKED DURING SEASON 1908.

	Foreman, Engineer, Timekeeper, Clerk	Mechanics, Skilled Labor Firemen	Park Police Watchmen	Laborers	Teams	Total
January	249.5	1,139.2	243.0	386.0	169.7	2,187.4
February	224.3	988.0	223.0	230.4	167.1	1,832.8
March	231.0	938.8	224.4	378.7	220.2	1,993.1
April	235.2	832.6	243.0	421.1	234.7	1,969.6
May	292.2	893.9	203.5	1,343.6	244.8	2,978.0
June	452.5	699.1	376.0	3,382.4	374.6	5,284.6
July	437.2	755.9	702.0	4,014.3	440.7	6,350.1
August	434.0	830.4	730.5	4,050.2	423.6	6,468.7
September	437.5	809.8	739.5	3,357.3	262.5	5,606.6
October	369.3	780.6	661.0	2,616.7	189.9	4,617.5
November	319.0	677.0	194.0	1,592.4	177.4	2,959.8
December	261.2	628.0	237.5	953.0	170.0	2,249.7
Total	3,942.9	9,973.3	4,777.4	22,729.1	3,075.2	44,497.9

CASH RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1907.....	\$41.00
Boat receipts Como.....	6,200.40
Boat receipts Phalen.....	2,544.05
Sight-seeing car No. 1 receipts.....	2,017.25
Sight-seeing car No. 2 receipts.....	1,165.00
Gasoline launch receipts.....	507.75
Contribution to music at Como.....	2,500.00
Refreshment privileges Como	1,750.00
Refreshment privileges Phalen.....	1,000.00
Refreshment privileges Indian Mounds.....	300.00
Outside work	471.67
Old boats sold.....	385.00
Hay sold at Como.....	248.00
Hay sold at Phalen.....	77.00
Hay sold at Indian Mounds Park.....	27.50

Wood sold	90.50	
Ground rent at Phalen.....	90.00	
Sand, ground and stone sold.....	76.45	
Garbage hauling Phalen.....	22.80	
Garbage hauling Como.....	28.50	
Sale of sheep wool.....	30.32	
Boat permits Phalen.....	15.00	
Boat permit Como.....	5.00	
Sale of old spring wagon.....	7.00	
Unclaimed laborer's check	10.97	
For damage done to Telephone.....	1.00	
Sale of gasoline .....	.60	
Total		\$19,612.76

NET RECEIPTS ON BOATS, LAUNCH AND SIGHT-SEEING CARS.

COMO PARK BOATS.

Receipts	\$6,200.40	
Expenditures including boat dock.....	2,453.79	
		\$3,746.61

PHALEN PARK BOATS.

Receipts	\$2,544.05	
Expenditures	1,095.20	
		\$1,448.85

GASOLINE LAUNCH.

Receipts	\$507.75	
Expenditures	391.35	
		\$116.40

SIGHT-SEEING CAR NO. 1.

Receipts	\$2,017.25	
Expenditures	835.00	
		\$1,182.25

SIGHT-SEEING CAR NO. 2.

Purchase price of Car.....		\$2,805.00
Receipts	\$1,165.00	
Expenditures	493.02	
		\$671.98

/ **PLANTING FLOWERS IN PARKS.**

Como Park	106,150
Central Park	2,580
Rice Park.....	14,780
Court House	10,515
Summit Outlook	670
Crocus Hill	475
Holcombe Park.....	275
Oakland Park	100
Lewis Park	330
Summit Park	245
Park Place	235
Smith Park	725
Lafayette Park	1,000
Irvine Park	2,440
Lake Iris Park	720
Merriam Terrace Park	1,660
Langford Park	2,275
Commonwealth Park	200
Alden Place	145
Hampden Park	785
Fountain Place	250
Hamm Park	180
Forest Street Triangle	50
Fifth Street east	60
Maria Avenue	75
Indian Mounds Park	330
Fish Hatchery	510
Fair Grounds	13,715
Public Bath Approach	1,420
Public Bath	300
Terrace Park	160
Alice Park	220
Water Board	800
Fire Department	600
Miscellaneous	3,675
Total	168,650

TREES AND SHRUBS PLANTED IN PARKS.**COMO PARK.**

Evergreens asst.	122
Roses asst.	820
Clematis Jackmanii	50
Honey suckles	34
Birch (paper)	64
Horse chestnut	26
Japanese maples asst.	15
Tree Peonias	4
Ampelopsis Engelmannii	30
Tulip Trees	10
Japanese Walnut	4
Total	1,189

INDIAN MOUNDS PARK.

Honey suckles	20
Snowballs	42
Horse chestnut	30
Jack pines	11
Total	103

PUBLIC BATH.

Ash	60
Willow asst.	20
Snowballs	20
Spruce	1
Total	101

PHALEN PARK.

Spruce	1
Total	1

FAIRGROUNDS.

Snowballs	40
Total	40

PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS.

Elms	9
Total	9

RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD.

Elms	70
Total	70

COMO AVENUE (east of Western Ave.)

Elms	82
Total	82

LAUREL AVENUE.

Elms	173
Total	173

**LIST OF NURSERY STOCK TAKEN FROM NURSERY DURING
SEASON 1908..**

Elms	551
Evergreens asst.	135
Horse chestnuts	263
Birch	64
Ampelopsis Engelmannii	64
Snowballs	118
Ash	60
Willows asst.	26
Berberis	63
Lilac	12
Honey suckles	16
Philadelphus	10
Spirea	10
Dogwood	9
Hydrangea	10
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	1,411

ADDITION TO NURSERY.

Viburnum Opulus	300
Caragana Arborescens	500
Ginko biloba	50
Lonicera asst.	40
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	890

**LIST OF TREES AND SHRUBS STANDING IN NURSERY
ROWS.**

Ailanthus	300
Arbor Vitea (American)	2
Arbor Vitea (Japanese dwarf)	38
Acer ginala	100
Ampelopsis Engelmannii	486
Ash	718
Birch (paper)	73
Birch (cut leaf weeping)	16
Boxelder	2,588
Berberis Thunbergii	572
Buck Thorn	1,244
Butternut	38
Bull pine	20
Basswood	27
Berberis canadensis	299
Berberis purpurea	165
Catalpa	70
Catalpa seedlings	6,000
Caragana arborescens	1,525
Cotoneaster	60
Dogwood	371
Deutzia scabra	6
Euonymus	100
Eunonimus Makii	15

Elms	10,825
Flowering crab	160
Grape vine	20
Gymnogladiis	25
Ginko Biloba	50
Horse chestnut seedlings	1,500
Horse chestnuts	1,939
Honey locust	2
Hemlock	110
Honey suckles	186
Hickory	26
Hydrangea	555
Highbush cranberry	430
Jack Pine	23
Juniperus	36
Iron Wood	50
Lilac	688
Mayday trees	25
Mountain Ash	25
Maple, soft	300
Maple, sugar	82
Oak	23
Peonias	500
Pine, white	19
Poplars	28
Philadelphus	255
Phlox asst.	31
Roses asst.	135
Rosa rugosa	500
Tamarix	22
Russian current	97
Snowballs	1,046
Sumach, cutleaf	14
Spruce asst.	362
Spireas	565
Syringa	400
Wistaria	50
Willows asst.	2,106
Total	36,061

EARNINGS OF PARK TEAMS.

Total number of days worked 1,589.5 days.	
Earned by Park teams	\$6,358.00
Expense of keeping	4,593.00
Net earning	\$1,765.00

BLACKSMITHING.

Earnings of blacksmith	\$994.26
Expense	810.00
Net earnings	\$184.26

PUMPING STATION AND HEATING PLANT.

Number of water pumped 30,229,152 gallons.		
Coal consumed for pumping water.....	279,500 lbs.	\$614.90
Coal consumed for heating.....	873,300 lbs.	1,919.25
Total	1,152,800 lbs.	\$2,534.15

PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS.

Payrolls for employees	\$4,347.43
Building 5th ward playground shelterhouse.....	1,690.00
Building Arlington Hills playground shelterhouse.....	2,230.00
Plumbing Arlington Hills shelterhouse	594.00
Plumbing 5th ward shelterhouse.....	497.00
Playgrounds apparatus and repair.....	734.52
Installing water and water rent.....	302.98
Pipes and fittings	57.18
Coal	43.75
Hose	48.80
Telephone rent	46.10
Printing playground report	29.70
Attending playground conference	85.00
Miscellaneous supplies	539.51
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	\$11,245.97

GRASS CUTTING ON CITY STREETS.

Portland Avenue from Dale to Victoria.....	4,793
Ashland Avenue from Dale to Victoria.....	4,800
Holly Avenue from Dale to Victoria.....	4,803
Carroll Street from Mackubin to Chatsworth.....	9,431
Summit Avenue from Dale to Lexington.....	9,384
Aurora Avenue from Rice to Dale.....	9,474
Marion Street from Fuller to Charles.....	1,874
St. Peter Street from Central to Aurora.....	1,120
Fairmont Avenue from Dale to Victoria.....	4,739
Osceola Avenue from Pleasant to Victoria.....	4,271
Goodrich Avenue from Dale to Victoria.....	4,812
Avon Street from Summit to Osceola.....	3,200
Lincoln Avenue from Oakland to Victoria.....	6,396
Lincoln Avenue from Victoria to Oxford.....	3,594
Grand Avenue from Floral to Grotto.....	1,204
Iglehart Street from Farrington to Lexington.....	15,253
Portland Avenue from Victoria to Oxford.....	3,173
Laurel Avenue from Dale to Chatsworth.....	6,857
Hague Avenue from Dale to Victoria.....	4,660
Marshall Avenue from Cleveland to Wheeler.....	5,662
Iglehart Street from Cleveland to Wheeler.....	5,350
Dayton Avenue from Dewey to Howell.....	1,000
Dewey Avenue from Dayton to Marshall.....	642
Carroll Street from Wheeler to Wilder.....	4,883
Wheeler Avenue from Shields to University.....	989
Feronia Street from Fairview to Prior.....	2,118
Dewey Avenue from St. Anthony to University.....	2,064
Summit Avenue from Wabasha to Dale.....	1,814
Western Avenue from Summit to Carroll.....	508

Portland Avenue from Western to Dale.....	446
Burr Street from Collins to Magnolia.....	8,094
Hall Avenue from Isabel to Prospect Terrace.....	1,385
Central Avenue from Cedar to Robert.....	645
St. Albans Street from Summit to Fairmount.....	2,590
Grotto Street from St. Albans to Selby.....	6,677
Milton Street from Fairmount to Summit.....	2,450
Goodrich Avenue from Victoria to Chatsworth.....	2,396
Capitol Boulevard from University to Como.....	1,840
Marshall Avenue from Wheeler to Pierce.....	1,674
Marshall Avenue from Victoria to Chatsworth.....	2,385

Total (30.98 miles) 163,537

TREE PLANTING ON CITY STREETS.

	Feet.
Laurel Avenue between Snelling and Prior.....	6,841
Number of trees planted 173.	
Cost per tree \$2.37.	
Taxation per foot 6 cents.	
Total cost \$440.46.	

RECOMMENDATIONS.

While considerable progress was made during the past year in the development of the parkway system, a deplorable slack in the improvement of park land could not be avoided, because the necessary funds were not at our disposal. The broad acres of Phalen Park's sylvan beauty can not be enjoyed in its full extent until it is equipped with the necessary facilities for public use. First among these I would suggest the building of a commodious picnic grounds, pavilion and drinking fountains, and the previous recommended erection of an ice-house which would afford the means of furnishing ice for cooling the water for the drinking fountains.

Referring to my recommendation in 1903 for establishing an Ar-Loretum in the picturesque ravines and natural terraces of Indian Mounds Park, I would respectfully call the attention of your honorable body to this much needed improvement once more. This park, more than any other, is peculiarly fitted for a varied display of trees, shrubs and plants, not only for its own attractiveness and ornamentation, but being located close to the centre of the city it would afford easy access to the students in botany and be of great educational value to park visitors in general.

PARKWAY CONSTRUCTION.

Commensurate with the needs of our growing city, parkway improvements which were planned for the future development must be carried out now, first as a matter of economy because of the rapid growth of building operations, and second, because of the pressing demand of our citizens insisting that those improvements be completed

without delay. While rapid progress in parkway construction was made last year, still more could have been accomplished if sufficient funds were available. The inside system of parkways as proposed will be about 35 miles long, of which only 13 miles are completed. And in connection herewith it may not be inappropriate to mention the absolute necessity of providing for the Capitol Approaches. These approaches are not a necessity exclusively for the benefit of the State Building, they must in the first place be considered to be of a vital importance to the city for its own ornamentation. The State will take care of the ornamentation of the grounds in the immediate vicinity of the building, but the city should spare no effort to improve and beautify its chief and necessary approaches to it. For that purpose the three blocks of land between Central Avenue and Tenth Street and Wabasha and Cedar Streets must be considered as indispensable. This would form a broad mall of dignified proportion between the business centre of the city and the Capitol; affording a fine view of the latter; and would attract improvements of a high character to be made along the street bordering on it. The central mall extending from the Capitol to Park Place is needed for the opening up of a vista through a section of city streets running in an oblique direction towards the building and blocking the view by the obstruction of private buildings in the immediate neighborhood. Another ornamented driveway leading through a thickly settled portion of the city, if constructed, would gain its importance from the fact that it would connect the new Cathedral, the State Capitol and the lower portion of the city near the Railroad Yards and give a direct route of intercommunication between the east side and the west side, in this case the St. Anthony Hill district. This parkway, 120 feet wide, would lead through a city complex of buildings of only medium value. An improvement of this nature would increase the value of this property more than five times and would enhance this second-class residence district to the dignity of first rank, thereby increasing the tax rate of the property, which would benefit the city in return for its outlay of money expended on the improvement.

IN GENERAL.

The result to the City of St. Paul of its expenditure for parks and parkways purposes have been highly justified. While the system is not anywhere near complete, every year's work shows a decided progress commensurate with the expenditures and some of the improvements completed, like the Riverside Boulevard and Lexington Parkway, nine miles long in their aggregate, demonstrate their useful purpose and merit the public approval bestowed upon them, and any city could well be proud to call them its own.

All the parks need additional improvements such as shelter and convenience buildings; seats, drinking fountains, playground apparatus and ground improvements. One of the most important would be the restoring of the Workhouse property to Como Park. The building

used as a penal institution, located in the most prominent portion of the park has since Lexington Parkway is completed, proved to be of a more conspicuous and ridiculous obstruction to the landscape of Como Park, its prominence of incongruity with the surrounding, is daily spoken of by our home people and invites criticism by strangers. Civic pride should dictate its removal.

Encouragement should be given by our citizens to the scheme of acquiring a large tract of land for the establishing of public golf links and for other forms of outdoor exercise for grown-up folks. The city has at present no ground sufficiently large enough to devote the necessary pace for golf links. Como Park with its 425 acres is crowded with visitors seeking recreations, there are over one million people that annually resort to it. Phalen Park with its natural growth of trees and alluring sylvan beauty cannot be made adaptable for playing golf, without denuding its broad acres of tree growth, which would be a criminal act and no park management will undertake to do it.

I would recommend that the city acquire a tract of land of eighty or one hundred acres for the purpose of such a playground. It should be located either as an addition to Como Park or in the vicinity of the Riverside Drive. Such a ground is needed and its acquisition can only be a matter of a short time.

I would respectfully call your attention to the following brief outline of construction work immediately before us: At Phalen Park a concrete roadway bridge spanning the canal west of the island and a concrete foot bridge connecting the main land with the island on its easterly approach. A concrete roadway bridge 600 feet south of Summit Avenue Boulevard on Riverside Drive. A roadway bridge on Wheelock Parkway spanning the Soo railroad right of way near Park Avenue and Idaho Street, and an under-crossing on the Wisconsin Central railroad right of way for Wheelock Parkway. This work will total an expenditure of \$85,000.00. We need for road work \$25,000.00, a total of \$135,000.00 for which we have no visible provision. The re-enforced concrete bridge on the Riverside Drive north of Marshall Avenue, designed by Mr. A. P. Turner and built by the Romer Contracting Co., is a work of great ingenuity, bold in design, correct and attractive in outline, spanning a ravine 230 feet wide and 100 feet deep it stands as a fitting tribute to Mr. Turner's skill as a bridge engineer, and the structure must be classed as a fitting feature in its picturesque surrounding. The total cost of \$19,219.00 must be considered as reasonable as the high class of work which the Romer Contracting Co. put into it, will permit.

OILING ROADWAYS.

While our newly constructed macadam roads stood the travel well, still a damage to the wearing surface is noticeable, caused from attrition of the dust or grit and it is proven without a doubt that oil sprinkled on the roads compacts the dust or grit and checks deterioration. As a dust layer, oil sprinkling is cheaper than water; our road

sprinkling expense with water amounted to 2.6 cents per yard of surface during last year. If oil would have been used the cost would have been 1.75 per yard, a saving of 0.85 per square yard; besides oil improves the roadways and minimizes maintenance expenses.

PLAYGROUNDS.

With the very limited amount of money available for the maintenance, acquisition and improvements of the playgrounds, all future expansion of the system must of necessity come to a standstill. The, in the past constructed buildings are inadequate and incomplete, the equipment and facilities of the grounds and buildings need considerable improvement and the amount of money available under the charter limit is scarcely enough to maintain the present acquired grounds.

The eighth ward playground near Rice street consists of three detached pieces of ground utterly impracticable for the purpose, repeated attempts to rearrange the streets so that the grounds could be consolidated into one plot, have failed, and the only remedy available is to purchase the remainder of the block west of the school house and establish the playground there. The playgrounds of the City do a great deal of good and are of an immense benefit to the children. A liberal policy on the part of the city towards their extension and equipment would certainly prove to be a step in the right direction and the children would be grateful for it.

Under the present circumstances the Playground Committee done great work in the past and should be encouraged in every way possible for the future. The service of the Director, Mr. Carl Rothfuss were enthusiastically rendered and mainly through his efforts the gratifying results were obtained as shown by the report of the playground Committee embodied in this report.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my thanks for the very efficient services rendered by the foremen and working forces; the office work in charge of Adolph Sterk has been especially efficient. The hearty support and loyalty of the whole organization has made the gratifying results of the year's work possible. And to you Gentlemen of the Board I am under lasting obligation for your continued confidence and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED NUSSBAUMER,
Superintendent of Parks.

PARK STATISTICS TO JANUARY 1, 1909.

PARKS	Year of Acquisition.	COST TO DATE.			Area Acres Land.	Length of Walks Miles	Length of Roads Miles
		Land	Constr'ct'n	Total			
Improved Parks.							
Como Park.....	1873-1906	\$140,733.39	\$850,316.46	\$991,049.85	423.09	5.4	10.
Phalen Park.....	1893-1907	76,331.47	120,792.87	197,124.34	461.18	.5	1.
Indian Mounds Park.....	1893-1907	136,995.50	58,466.91	195,462.41	70.03	1.2	2.5
Summit Outlook.....	1886-1890	41,388.00	12,657.79	54,045.79	.46	.09	.....
Central Park.....	1884	Dedicated	17,300.20	17,300.20	2.35	.28	.....
Alice Park.....	1879	Dedicated	3,813.47	3,813.47	.56	.....	.....
Hampden Park.....	1890	No dedic.	8,462.40	8,462.40	3.09	.24	.....
Irvine Park.....	1849	Dedicated	11,267.99	11,267.99	3.58	.2	.....
Lafayette Park.....	1884-5-6	34,688.00	10,772.48	45,460.48	1.01	.2	.....
Lake Iris Park.....	1884-1901	3,291.22	4,714.89	8,006.11	1.9	.11	.....
Langford Park.....	1890	No dedic.	7,884.34	7,884.34	9.65	.5	.....
Lewis Park.....	1883	Dedicated	3,068.31	3,068.31	.83	.11	.....
Merriam Terrace P'k.....	1883	Dedicated	15,697.06	15,697.06	7.62	.6	.....
Rice Park.....	1849	Dedicated	14,834.93	14,834.93	1.6	.02	.....
Smith Park.....	1849	Dedicated	10,636.48	10,636.48	2.06	.22	.....
Summit Park.....	1883	10,000.00	11,711.82	21,711.82	.79	.11	.....
Commonwealth Park.....	1902	Dedicated	1,604.75	1,604.75	1.00	.....	.....
Cherokee Heights P'k.....	1903-06	23,818.30	3,824.43	27,642.73	19.27	.....	.....
Alden Square.....	1890	No dedic.	1,207.44	1,207.44	.28	.....	.....
Holcombe Park.....	1857	Dedicated	4,268.71	4,268.71	.12	.....	.....
Crocus Hill Park.....	1883-8	Dedicated	2,546.17	2,546.17	.18	.....	.....
La Roy Triangle.....	1885	Dedicated	523.26	523.26	.09	.....	.....
Sunshine Triangle.....	1885	Dedicated	517.91	517.91	.08	.....	.....
Van Slyke Triangle.....	1885	Dedicated	519.57	519.57	.13	.....	.....
Lyton Place.....	1883	Dedicated	747.73	747.73	.32	.....	.....
Park Place.....	1887	Dedicated	1,501.48	1,501.48	.45	.....	.....
Terrace Park.....	1855	Donated	2,551.12	2,551.12	1.25	.06	.....

PARK STATISTICS TO JANUARY 1, 1909—Continued.

PARKS.	Year of Acquisition.	COST TO DATE.			Area Acres Land	Length of Walks Miles	Length of Roads Miles
		Land	Constr'ct'n	Total			
Improved Parks							
Point of View P'k.....	1888	Dedicated	692.86	692.86	.39	.....	.....
Portland Place.....	1882	.....	820.88	820.88	.16	.....	.....
Olive Str. Triangle.....	1872	.....	152.88	152.88	.06	.....	.....
Pleasant Triangle.....	1903	Acqu. City	144.14	144.14	.15	.....	.....
Oakland Park.....	1884	.....	1,352.48	1,352.48	1.2	.....	.....
Hamm Park.....	1904	No dedic.	637.01	637.01	.5	.....	.....
Cromwell Park.....	1890	Dedicated	848.41	848.41	.16	.....	.....
Publ. Bath Approach.....	1903-05	.....	1,690.80	1,690.80	2.2	.....	.....
Feronia Square.....	1884	Donated	234.66	234.66	.02	.....	.....
Hampden Square.....	1890	.....	353.89	353.89	.02	.....	.....
Forest Street Triangle.....	1902	2,000.00	238.01	438.01	.03	.....	.....
Riverside Boulevard.....	1900-05	24,442.50	71,275.49	95,717.99	177.29	.....	5.75
Lexington Boulevard.....	1902-05	72,527.10	25,885.84	98,412.94	48.50	.....	2.5
Summit Boulevard.....	1886-1901	1,654.25	115,236.43	116,890.68	67.63	2.5	5.0
Como Boulevard.....	1899-1906	30,550.00	13,962.16	44,512.16	21.63	3.6	1.8
Midway Parkway.....	1901	Condemned	9,782.42	9,782.42	12.12	1.5	1.5
College Park.....	1907	3,128.53	356.61	3,485.14	4.21	.....	.....
Horton Park.....	1907	5,000.00	130.66	5,130.66	3.48	.....	.....
Ramsey Triangle.....	1907	2,500.00	104.56	2,604.56	.07	.....	.....
Public Playgrounds.....	1904-07	18,600.00	30,749.48	49,349.48	10	.....	.....

REPORT OF BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

PARK STATISTICS TO JANUARY 1, 1909—Continued.

PARKS	Year of Acquisition.	COST TO DATE.			Area Acres Land	Length of Walks Miles	Length of Roads Miles
		Land	Constr'ct'n	Total			
Unimproved Parks							
Newel Park.....	1907		2.00		8.43	.....	.....
Stewart Park.....	1885	Dedicated	.....		1.36	.....	.....
Dawson Park.....	1884	Dedicated	.....		2.00	.....	.....
Haldeman Park.....	1883	Dedicated	.....		1.48	.....	.....
Lockwood Park.....	1883	Dedicated	.....		.73	.....	.....
Lamphrey Park.....	1885	Dedicated	.....		4.7	.....	.....
May Park.....	1885	Dedicated	.....		.69	.....	.....
Stinson Park.....	1884	Dedicated	.....		1.23	.....	.....
Tatum Park.....	1885	Dedicated	.....		.61	.....	.....
Webster Park.....	1884	Dedicated	.....		1.26	.....	.....
Clayland Park.....	1885	Dedicated	.....		.83	.....	.....
Skidmore Park.....	1885	Dedicated	.....		.39	.....	.....
Foundry Park.....	1883	Dedicated	.....		.95	.....	.....
Fountain Park.....	1886	Dedicated	.....		.42	.....	.....
Cato Park.....	1885	Dedicated	.....		.19	.....	.....
Walsh Park.....	1884	Dedicated	.....		.78	.....	.....
Crocus Terrace Park.....	1889	Dedicated	.....		1.45	.....	.....
Davis Square.....	1890	Dedicated	.....		.01	.....	.....
Elm Square.....	1890	Dedicated	.....		.11	.....	.....
Gordon Square.....	1886	Dedicated	.....		.07	.....	.....
Kendrick Square.....	1890	Dedicated	.....		.12	.....	.....
Manvill Square.....	1890	Dedicated	.....		.15	.....	.....
Oakley Square.....	1884	Dedicated	.....		.08	.....	.....
Raymond Square.....	1890	Dedicated	.....		.02	.....	.....
Rondo Square.....	1890	Dedicated	.....		.18	.....	.....
Sidney Square.....	1890	Dedicated	.....		.02	.....	.....
Bay Triangle.....	1907	800.00	.....	800.00	.49	.....	.....
Phalen-Gervais Boulevard.....	1907	Deeded	5,010.00	5,010.00	21.68	.....	.....
Wheelock Parkway.....	1908	Condemned	60.00	60.00	64.5	.....	.....
Total		\$626,648.26	\$1,401,932.64	\$2,028,580.90	1,477.71	17.44	30.05

INVENTORY.

- 1 3,000,000 gal. Centrifugal Pump.
- 1 2,000,000 gal. Allis High Duty Pump.
- 1 1,000,000 gal. Blake Piston Pump.
- 1 4,800 gal. Centrifugal Pump.
- 1 Diaphragm Pump.
- 1 Westinghouse Engine.
- 1 Electric Sewer Pump.
- 1 Dynamo.
- 1 Sprague Electric Motor.
- 1 Gasoline Pump.
- 4 Boiler Feeds.
- 3 Steam Boilers.
- 5 Oil Tanks 50 gal. each.
- 1 Oil Tank 60 gal.
- 1 200 gal. Gasoline Tank and Pump.
- 1 Dredge Boat and Machinery.
- 1 Gasoline Launch.
- 266 Rowboats with Oars.
- 800 Oarlocks.
- 1 Automobile.
- 2 Sightseeing Cars.
- 10 Draft Horses.
- 2 Driving Horses.
- 6 Sets of Draft Harness.
- 2 Sets of Light Double Harness.
- 2 Sets of Single Harness.
- 12 Horse Blankets.
- 12 Storm Blankets.
- 6 Sets of Double Fly Net.
- 2 Lap Robes.
- 5 Heavy Wagons.
- 1 Light Farm Wagon.
- 5 Sprinkling Wagons.
- 5 Bob Sleighs.
- 1 Two Seated Carriage.
- 1 Concord Buggy.
- 1 Delivery Wagon.
- 2 Hay Mowers.
- 2 Horse Rakes.
- 1 Tree transplanter.
- 1 Jigger.
- 1 Roadscraper.
- 1 Snow Scraper.
- 2 Road Plows.
- 1 Farm Plow.
- 1 Road Harrow.
- 1 Field Harrow.
- 1 Stone Crusher.
- 1 Portable Boiler and Engine.
- 1 Steam Rock Drill.
- 1 Steam Road Roller 12 Tons.
- 1 4 Horse Roller.
- 1 1 Horse Roller.
- 1 Sod Cutter.
- 25 Wheelbarrows.
- 2 Stone Wheelbarrows.
- 7 Steel Wheelbarrows.

- 2 Wheel Scrapers.
- 4 Slushers.
- 1 Small House Derrick.
- 7 Sets of Block and Tackle.
- 8 Dump Cars.
- 3,300 Feet of Track Rails.
- 41 Lawn Mowers.
- 17 Tool Boxes.
- 2,900 Feet of Garden Hose.
- 100 Feet of 2-inch Hose.
- 42 Wire Rakes.
- 18 Wooden Rakes.
- 40 Iron Rakes.
- 26 Spades.
- 70 Shovels.
- 7 Scoop Shovels.
- 8 Snow Shovels.
- 1 Brush Scythe.
- 20 Scythes with Handles.
- 6 Extra Scythe Handles.
- 13 Sickles.
- 29 Picks.
- 16 Grub Hoes.
- 34 Hay Forks.
- 6 Manure Forks.
- 2 Mortar Hoes.
- 4 Axes.
- 6 Claw Hatchets.
- 17 Water Pails.
- 1 Hand Saw.
- 1 Draw Knife.
- 6 Putty Knives.
- 2 Chain Tongs.
- 3 Cross Cut Saws.
- 1 Buck Saw.
- 7 Sledge Hammers.
- 30 Steel Wedges.
- 9 Crow Bars.
- 4 Gravel Screens.
- 3 Grind Stones.
- 1 Set Engineers' Tools.
- 1 Set Pipe-layer Tools.
- 1 Set Blacksmith Tools.
- 2 Sets of Tree-trimmer Tools.
- 3 Pair Rubber Boots.
- 5 Chains.
- 180 Feet of Rope Asst.
- 1 Wire Stretcher.
- 6 Gasoline Lamps.
- 6 Lanterns.
- 2 Jack Screws.
- 3 Stoves.
- 1 Cement Tile Mold.
- 100,000 Flower Pots.
- 125 Hot Bed Sash.
- 3 Air Swings.
- 24 Swings.
- 1 Diebold Safe.
- 1 Typewriter and Desk.

- 1 Roll Top Desk.
- 1 Letter File Cabinet.
- 2 Office Tables.
- 1 Engineers' Level and Rod.
- 4 Tape Lines.
- 3 Watchmen Clocks.
- 24 Waste Baskets.
- 1 Extension Ladder.
- 2 Step Ladders.
- 1 Set of Stone Tongs.
- 1 Dolly.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

St. Paul, Minnesota, January 1st, 1909.

The Board of Park Commissioners, St. Paul, Minnesota .
Gentlemen:

I have the honor herewith to submit the Eighteenth Annual Report of my office.

The members of the Board of Park Commissioners on January 1st, 1908, were Messrs. Daniel Aberle, Robert O. Earl, M. D., Wm. Hamm, Lewis A. Robinson and H. W. Topping.

Mr. Lewis A. Robinson was reappointed by the Mayor, March 1st, 1908, for the term of five years.

At the annual meeting held March 16th, 1908, the following officers were elected:

President, Daniel Aberle.

Vice President, R. O. Earl, M. D.

Supt. of Parks, Fred Nussbaumer.

The following Final Orders were adopted:

Wheelock Parkway.....	January 6th
Newell Park.....	February 3rd
Ramsey Triangle.....	February 3rd
Reserve Boulevard.....	July 20th
Linwood Park.....	December 2nd

Condemnation of property for various parkways, etc.:

The E. 5 acres of the W. 25 acres of Lot 2, Sec. 16, T. 29, R. 22

for Phalen Park..... \$550.00

CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO.

Arlington Hills Playground Shelter House, Chas. Kampfer & Sons, Contrs.....	\$2,230.00
Arlington Hills Playgrounds Shelter House plumbing, M. J. O'Neill, Contrs.....	594.00
Fifth Ward Playgrounds Shelter House. Steenberg Bros., Contrs	1,690.00
Fifth Ward Playgrounds Shelter House plumbing, M. J. O'Neill, Contr.....	497.00
Playgrounds apparatus in the various parts of the city, Jacob Willing, Contr.....	685.00
Marquise at Como Park, St. Paul Foundry Co., Contractors.	3,350.00
Marquise at Como Park, electric wiring, Electric Constr. Co., Contrs.	171.00
Marquise at Como Park, Cornice. Jos. Haag, Contr.....	444.00
Bridge over ravine on Mississippi River Blvd., F. J. Romer Construction Co., Contrs.....	18,164.00
Bridge over ravine on Mississippi River Boulevard, ornamental railing, F. J. Romer Construction Co., Contrs...	625.00
Bridge over ravine on Mississippi River Blvd., ornamental lamps, F. J. Romer Construction Co., Contrs.....	440.00
Lumber for Boat-dock at Como Park, Brooks Bros., Contrs.	800.00

Cement tile floor in Pavilion at Como Park, Minnesota Mfg. & Supply Co., per sq. ft.....	.07
Crushed limestone for macadamizing Lexington Ave., St. Paul Crusted Stone Co., Contr.....	4,950.00
Crushed granite, Twin City Brick Co., Contr.....	1,009.37
Klinger Built Cedar Boats for Phalen Park.....	1,400.00
Musical concerts at Como Park, 1908, Frank Danz, Jr., Contr., per week.....	900.00
Extra concert 7-4-08, on afternoon.....	126.00
Two-Arch bridge over Phalen-Gervais Canal, A. Y. Banye & Co., Contractors.....	4,180.00
For payment of donation by the Town & Country Club for location of bridge over ravine on Mississippi River Boulevard, in two payments Dec. 1st, 1908 and one Dec. 1st, 1909	3,000.00

STREET LAWNS.

The following is an estimate of the cost of street lawns during the year of 1908:

Portland Avenue from Victoria to Dale street.....	\$95.86
Ashland Avenue, Dale to Victoria stree.....	96.00
Holly Avenue, Dale to Victoria street.....	96.06
Carroll street, Mackubin street to Chatsworth.....	188.62
Summit Avenue, Dale to Lexington Avenue.....	187.68
Aurora Avenue, Rice to Dale.....	189.48
Marion street, Fulier to Charles.....	37.48
St. Peter street, Central to Aurora.....	22.40
Fairmount Avenue, Dale to Victoria.....	94.40
Osceola Avenue, Pleasant to Victoria.....	85.42
Goodrich Avenue, Dale to Victoria.....	96.24
Avon street, Summit to Osceola.....	64.00
Lincoln Avenue, Victoria to Oxford.....	77.88
Grand Avenue, Floral to Grotto.....	81.70
Grand Avenue, Avon to Victoria.....	24.08
Iglehart street, Farrington to Lexington.....	303.16
Portland avenue, Victoria to Oxford.....	63.46
Laurel avenue, Dale to Chatsworth.....	137.14
Hague Avenue, Dale to Victoria.....	93.20
Marshall Avenue, Cleveland to Wheeler.....	113.34
Iglehart street, Cleveland to Wheeler.....	107.00
Dayton Avenue, Dewey to Howell.....	20.00
Dewey Avenue, Dayton to Marshall.....	12.84
Carroll street, Wilder to Wheeler.....	97.66
Wheeler Avenue, Shields to University.....	19.78
Feronia Avenue, Fairview to Prior.....	42.36
Dewey Avenue, St. Anthony to University.....	41.28
Summit Avenue, Wabasha to Dale.....	36.28
Western Avenue, Summit to Carroll.....	10.16
Portland Avenue, Western to Dale.....	8.92
Burr street, Collins to Magnolia.....	161.88
Hall Avenue, Isabel to Prospect Terrace.....	27.70
Central Avenue, Cedar to Robert.....	12.90
St. Albans street, Summit to Fairmount.....	51.80
Grotto street, Grand to Selby.....	67.34
Milton street, Fairmount to Summit.....	49.00
Goodrich Avenue, Victoria to Chatsworth.....	47.92
Capitol Boulevard, University to Como.....	36.80

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Marshall Avenue, Wheeler to Pierce.....	33.48
Marshall Avenue, Victoria to Chatsworth.....	47.70
Grotto street, St. Clair to Grand.....	66.06

Also for tree planting on the following named streets:

Laurel Avenue, Snelling to Prior.....	\$440.46
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The following streets to be under the care and jurisdiction of the Park Board:

Park Avenue, University Avenue to Wabasha street.

Raymond Avenue from Cudworth to Langford.

On Cudworth to Cromwell, Croniwell to University Avenue, and Pelham to Waverly Place.

PARK FUND.

JANUARY, 1908.

4754—Frank I. Lange, Deed part of Lot 18, Block 2, Humphrey's Addition, (Como Ave. Parkway acct.) January 2nd, 1908.....	\$50.00
4755—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll of officers and employes for month of December, 1907.....	4,385.96
4756—Fred Nussbaumer, Superintendent, salary for month of December, 1907, and money advanced for incidentals, Dec. 11-20--31-07.....	351.53
4757—R. B. Whitacre & Co., Est. No. 1 and final, portable steam boiler with engine and steam rock drill, Jan. 6, 1908.....	1,080.00
4758—Austin-Western Co., standard elevator for stone crusher, Dec. 13, 1907.....	481.25
4759—Thomson & Ege Carriage Co., delivery wagon and pole, December 11, 1907.....	120.00
4760—C. G. Hartin Coal Co., coal, Dec. 4-16, 1907.....	351.34
4761—Schroeder's Livery, horses for month of Nov., 1907...	40.00
4762—J. F. McGuire & Co., screws, bolts, saws, &c., Sept. 17, July 30, Oct. 3, 1907.....	46.07
4763—Clarke & Fletcher, insurance premium—automobile, December 23, 1907.....	50.00
4764—H. P. Rugg & Co., valves &c., Dec. 4, 1907.....	15.72
4765—James Shiely, drayage, December 18, 1907.....	15.00
4766—Noyes Bros. & Cutler, Japan, turpentine, etc., November 15, 1907.....	14.25
4767—Tierney & Scheffer, bran and feed, Dec. 2, 1907.....	13.28
4768—Finch, Van Slyke & McConville, sheeting cover, Nov. 25, 1907.....	7.10
4769—C. P. Gibson, photographs Nov. 1, 1907.....	5.00
4770—John E. Holt, sewer pipe and trap, Dec. 21, 1907.....	3.96
4771—Hackett-Walther-Gates Hardware Co., 1 keg nails, Nov. 29, 1907.....	2.60
4772—John Martin Lumber Co., lumber Dec. 6-12-13, 1907..	253.98
4773—M. W. Fitzgerald, Reg. of Deeds, recording deeds, Oct. 28-29, 1907.....	4.50
4774—H. W. Kingston Co., printing forms, Dec. 19, 1907....	2.75
4775—Nicols, Dean & Gregg, sledges, nails, bolts etc., Nov. 19-25-29-30, 1907.....	47.10
4776—McClain & Gray Co., 2 reams paper, Jan. 4, 1908.....	2.50
4777—Joseph Dingle Boat Works, oar locks, July 17, 1907..	2.40
4778—August Lindquist, condemnation part of Lot 13, Block 1, Bishop's Addn., January 10, 1908.....	150.00

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4779—August Uihlein, condemnation of part Lot 14, Hagerman's Subdivision of Lot 41, Lake Como Villas, January 7, 1908, (Lexington Boulevard No. 2)....	200.00
4780—Nicholas Flynn, condemnation part Lot 16, Block 16, Suburban Hills, January 10, 1908 (Hoffman Ave. Extension)	200.00
4781—Fred A. Skilman, condemnation Lot 15, part of Lot 16, Block 1, Bishop's Addition (Lexington Ave. Boulevard No. 2).....	300.00
4782—Capital National Bank, Agent, condemnation part of Lot 29, Franklin Steele's Subdivision of Lot 2, Sec. 21, T. 28, R. 23, (Mississippi Boulevard No. 2)....	200.00
4783—J. A. Stees, condemnation Lots 2, 3, 11, Block 21, and part of Lot 29, Block 17, Suburban Hills Addition (Indian Mounds Park Extension No. 2).....	1,799.35
Total for the month of January.....	\$10,195.64

FEBRUARY, 1908.

4784—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-rolls of officers and employes for month of January, 1908.....	3,656.52
4785—F. Nussbaumer, Superintendent, salary and money advanced for incidentals, January, 1908.....	334.13
4786—Cancelled. Cancelled.	
4787—C. G. Hartin Coal Co., coal, Como Pumping Station, January 27, 1908.....	371.14
4788—Joseph A. Rogers, insurance premium Indian Mound pavilion, Feb. 10, 1908.....	100.00
4789—Twin City Pottery Mfg. Co., flower pots, Jan. 24, 1908	54.25
4790—Robinson & Cary Co., Manila rope and rubber belt, Jan. 20, 1908, rubber hose and gate valve, Jan. 27, 1908	26.71
4791—St. Paul Foundry Co., supplies for rock crusher, Jan. 23, 1908.....	14.90
4792—Lefebvre-Deslauriers Roof-Iron Tank, Jan. 20, 1908..	14.00
4793—F. G. Leslie Co., toilet paper, June 5, 1907.....	13.00
4794—Tierney & Schaefer, bran and feed, Jan. 29, 1908.....	12.98
4795—N. W. Fuel Co., Coal, January 10, 1908.....	12.00
4796—Pioneer Press Co., 10 train sheets, Jan. 2, 1908.....	8.75
4797—Nicols, Dean & Gregg, wedges etc., Dec. 4, 1907.....	3.66
4798—Dolenty Bros., oats, January 24, 1908.....	154.19
4799—Hurley & Co., Est. No. 1, labor and material for installing sewer system at Phalen Park.....	800.00
4800—Wm. W. Bishop, damages condemnation part of Lot 24, Block 1, Bishop's Addn. Feb. 15, 1908, (Lexington Ave. Boulevard No. 2).....	150.00
Total for the month of February, 1908.....	\$5,726.23

MARCH, 1908.

4801—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll of employes for month of February, 1908.....	4,069.44
4802—F. Nussbaumer, Superintendent, salary for month of February, 1908, and money advanced for incidentals Feb. 6-7-11-18, 1908.....	336.20

4803—P. J. Bowlin Liquor Co., purchase price part of Lot 6, Ramsey County Loan & Trust Co's. Subdivision No. 3, March 3, 1908, (Lex. Boulevard No. 2)....	125.00
4804—C. G. Hartin Coal Co., coal, Jan. 31, 1908.....	111.32
4805—Pittsburgh Coal Co., coal, February 3, 1908.....	8.50
4806—John Martin Lumber Co., lumber, Jan. 16, 1908.....	67.15
4807—Otto Peterson, ground feed, Jan. 28, 1908.....	7.80
4808—Standard Oil Co., Arc cups, oil can, oil, etc., Jan. 31, 1908.....	6.74
4809—L. W. Rundlett, money paid to field party for car fare expended during the months of December, 1907 January, 1908, in lieu of livery.....	9.60
4810—R. B. Whitacre & Co., 1 set 5-inch steels for U. S. Sullivan rock drill, February 24, 1908.....	9.50
4811—Twin City Iron & Wire Works, wire cloth, etc., December 5, 1907.....	8.10
4812—Robinson & Cary Co., Spalling hammers and handles, blasting powder, globe valves, etc., Feb. 10-17-18-24-Feb. 8, 1908.....	32.41
4813—L. L. May & Co., plants and seeds, Jan. 7, 1908.....	5.24
4814—Nicols, Dean & Gregg, pick and handles, Jan. 14, 1908.....	4.93
4815—Pioneer Press Co., embossed envelopes, Feb. 6, 1908..	3.25
4816—John Olson, Est. No. 1, constructing a dredge boat at Phalen Park.....	2,000.00
Total for the month of March, 1908.....	\$6,825.22

APRIL, 1908.

4817—Wisconsin Central Railway Co., defraying part of the cost of constructing concrete arch across Phalen Creek	5,000.00
4818—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll for month of March, 1908.....	4,030.96
4819—F. Nussbaumer, salary for month of March, 1908, and money advanced for incidentals, March 7 to April 3,, 1908.....	361.17
4820—C. G. Hartin Coal Co., coal, Feb. 24-25, 1908.....	385.22
4821—St. Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Co., insurance premium, dredge boiler, April 6, 1908.....	120.00
4822—Gilbert Costich, shrubs, etc., March 30, 1908.....	82.00
4823—John Martin Lumber Co., repairing boats, Feb. 20, 1908.....	55.24
4824—Northern Malleable Iron Company, oar locks, Feb. 29, March 26, 1908.....	56.34
4825—E. A. Moeller Co., file covers, March 3, 1908.....	33.00
4826—Perkins-Thomas Printing Company, envelopes, March 31, 1908.....	24.00
4827—Standard Oil Co., oil, February 27, 1908.....	46.29
4828—Kilgore-Peteler Co., repairing dump car, March 3, 1908.....	14.40
4829—Foster Implement Co., one wagon, March 10, 1908...	22.00
4830—Tierney & Co., feed, March 11, 1908.....	12.13
4831—Pioneer Press Co., blank forms, March 7; 1908.....	11.00
4832—Noyes Bros. & Cutler, sand paper, varnish, brushes, etc., March 20, 1907.....	10.27
4833—Robinson & Cary Co., dynamite, fuse etc., Feb. 27-29, March 3-21, 1908.....	22.63
4834—Austin-Western Co., repairing rock crusher, March 6, 1908.....	6.60
4835—O'Keefe-Walsh Co., printing pay checks, March 31, 1908	6.50

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4836—M. W. Fitzgerald, recording, Feb. 4, 24, 1908.....	4.00
4837—Thos. Meehan & Son, shrubs, April 2, 1908.....	37.00
4838—L. L. May & Co., flower seeds, March 17-30, 1908....	26.00
4839—Richard Price, veterinary services, Feb. 5, 1908.....	3.50
4840—Hackett-Walther-Gates Hardware Co., (repairing boats) March 12, 1908, screws, pins and nails.....	3.23
4841—St. Paul Foundry Co., castings and bolts, March 5, 19, 1908	2.52
4842—St. Paul Stamp Works, rubber stamps, March 5-24, 1908 .....	.85
4843—John Olson, Est. No. 2, construction of dredge boat, April 6, 1908.....	2,000.00
4844—Anna L. Johnson, purchase price Lot 20, Block 17, Overbrook's Addition, taken for Phalen Park, April 16, 1908.....	68.31
Total for the month of April, 1908.....	<u>\$12,445.16</u>

MAY, 1908.

4845—Martin Clark and Duane B. Tuttle, purchase Lot 2, Clark's Subdivision Lot 22, Lake Como Villas, April 30, 1908, (Como Park Extension acct.)....	400.00
4846—Fred N. Dickson, Atty., purchase Lot 12, Block 31, Hewitt's Subdivision Blk. 31, Lafond's Addition, (Como Parkway acct.) May 7, 1908.....	300.00
4847—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll, men and teams employed during month of April, 1908.....	5,892.86
4844—Fred Nussbaumer, salary superintendent and money expended for incidentals for month of April, 1908.	340.87
4849—C. G. Hartin Coal Co., coal, April 22, 1908	351.78
4850—Dolenty Bros., oats, April 18, 1908.....	184.69
4851—St. Paul Lime and Cement Company, cement, March 31, 1908.....	398.50
4852—Birney Bird Auto Co., automobile repairs, Feb. 1, April 1, 1908.....	223.85
4853—Des Moines Park Swing Co., park seats, April 6, 1908.	150.00
1854—The Western Supply Co., pipes and fittings, April 22, 1908.....	63.06
4855—H. T. Jones, shrubs, April 11, 1908.....	59.75
4856—Farwell, Ozmun, Kirk & Company, tools, April 6-20, 1908	50.78
4857—Hackett-Walther-Gates Hardware Co., repairing lawn mower, April 11, 1908.....	39.62
4858—John Martin Lumber Co., wagon box, March 23, 1908.	33.43
4859—Standard Oil Co., gasoline, Jne 15, 1907, April 10-14-15, 1908	55.10
4860—The Steel Basket Co., waste baskets, Jan. 31, 1908...	24.00
4861—Twin City Pottery Mfg Company, flower pots, April 2, 1908	21.25
1862—John N. Theissen, repairing harness, Nov. 23, 1907, March 2-4-6, 1906.....	15.50
4863—Nicols, Dean & Gregg, dump car repairs, Mch. 25, 1908	11.91
4864—Pittsburgh Coal Co., coal, April 13-19, 1908.....	19.00
4865—Robinson & Cary Co., grease cups, waste, etc., April 6, 1908.....	6.50
4866—Otto Peterson, bran, feed etc., March 27, 1908.....	5.30
4867—Gilbert Costich, plants, April 20, 1908.....	5.50
4868—L. L. May & Co., plants, seeds, etc., April 9-16, 1908..	5.00

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4869—C. J. Smith, 1 gal. Putz Cream, April 6, 1908.....	1.35
4870—John Olson, Est. No. 3, constructing hull of Dredge Boat at Phalen Park.....	2,000.00
4871—Hurley Co., Est. No. 2, installing sewer system at Phalen Park.....	650.00
4872—Ryan & Johnson, Est. No. 1, filling in and grading Como Ave., between Western and Rice St.....	1,425.00
Total for the month of May, 1908.....	\$12,732.60

JUNE, 1908.

4873—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll of men em- ployed in cutting grass on City streets, May, 1908	470.62
4874—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, payroll, Park police for month of May, 1908.....	496.13
4875—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll, men and teams for month of May, 1908.....	9,277.20
4876—F. Nussbaumer, salary for month of May, 1908, and money advanced for incidentals May 18, 1908....	334.18
4877—Todd & Mayo, Attys., purchase Lot 1, Clark's Sub- division of Lot 22, Lake Como Villas (Como Park Extension account).....	700.00
4878—Elizabeth R. Magoffin, one fifth (bal.) Lot 3, Block 1, Magoffin & Breckenridge Addition, (Como Ave. Parkway account).....	340.00
4879—St. Paul Stamp Works, rubber stamp, May 15, 1908....	.15
4880—L. L. May & Co., seeds, May 8, 1908.....	.65
4881—Perkins-Thomas Ptg. Co., postal cards, April 25, 1908..	6.50
4882—Boeringer & Son, tape line, April 9-21, 1908.....	5.00
4883—Nicols, Dean & Gregg, lawn mower, April 15, 1908....	6.75
4884—Tierney & Co., bran and feed, April 22, 1908.....	13.11
4885—Farwell, Ozmun, Kirk & Co., lawn mower, tools, nails, mops, etc., May 13, April 20, 1908.....	23.00
4886—S. C. Ringwald, furnishing descriptions for land to be condemned on Phalen-Gervais Canal, May 27, 1908	10.00
4887—St. Paul Rubber Co., mens' hip boots, May 27, 1908..	13.11
4888—Robinson & Cary Co., 1 Dorsch plow, May 5, 1908....	25.00
4889—J. N. Thiessen, straps, etc., for boats, April 25, 1908..	15.75
4890—Gribben Lumber Co., lumber, May 1-9, 1908.....	86.26
4891—Des Moines Park Swing Co., circle swing, May 18, 1908	347.13
4892—Wm. R. Burkhard Co., oars, April 2, 1908.....	59.50
4893—Mineralized Rubber Co., garden hose, May 11, 1908...	41.67
4894—Ryan & Johnson, Est. No. 2 and final, filling in and grading Como Ave., bet. Rice and Western Ave.. 4895—Hurley & Co., Est. No. 3 and final, installing sewer system at Phalen Park.....	1,425.00 285.00
4896—St. Paul Foundry Co., erecting Marquise on pavilion at Como Park, Est. No. 1.....	2,350.00
4897—Stanley A. Cassidy, part of Lot 5, Block 2, Anna D. Mackey's Lakeview Addition, taken for Phalen Park	23.08
4898—Georginna Tilney, condemnation, Lots 3 and 4, Block 17, College Place East Division (Horton Park Account)	2,300.00

4899—W. M. Franklin, Trustee, condemnation undivided $\frac{3}{4}$ of Lots 1 and 2, Block 17, College Place East Division, (Horton Park Acct.).....	2,025.00
4900—W. M. Franklin, condemnation $\frac{1}{4}$ lots 1 and 2, Block 17, College Place East Division (Horton Park Acct.)	675.00
4901—N. O. Granberg, condemnation Lots 28 to 33, Block 4, Hiawatha Park Addition No. 2 (Extension Mississippi River Boulevard No. 2).....	160.00
4902—Frank Danz, Jr., 8 concerts given at Lake Como, June 21 to 27 incl., 1908.....	900.00
4903—Wm. G. White, Atty. for Geo. H. Daggett, condemnation Lot "B" Desnoyer Park Addition (Mississippi River Boulevard North).....	500.00
4904—F. Danz, Jr., eight concerts at Como Park, June 28, to July 4th inclusive.....	900.00
4905—F. Danz, Jr., one extra concert afternoon of July 4th, 1908	126.00
4906—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll of men and teams for month of June, 1908.....	10,973.14
4907—Otto Bremer, payroll of men employed in cutting grass on City streets, June, 1908.....	494.73
4908—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll of Park police for month of June, 1908.....	780.00
4909—F. Nussbaumer, salary for month of June, 1908, and money advanced for incidentals, June, 1908.....	345.13
4910—The Golden Rule, soap, May 13, 1908.....	3.50
4911—Schroeder Bros., water pails.....	2.25
4912—Union Brass and Metal Mfg. Co., dredge boat supplies, June 11, 1908.....	6.25
4913—M. W. Fitzgerald, filing fees, April 14-16, 1908.....	3.15
4914—Perkins-Thomas Printing Company, postal cards, June 16, 1908.....	7.50
4915—Board of Workhouse Directors, 3 doz. Parlor brooms, June 2, 1908.....	8.25
4916—Twin City Iron & Wire Works, flower guards, June 17, 1908.....	11.90
4917—F. G. Leslie Co., toilet paper, June 1, 1908.....	15.00
4918—Farwell, Ozmun, Kirk & Company, shovels, wheel barrows, etc., May 15, 19, 1908.....	27.51
4919—Louis F. Dow & Co., stationery, May 29, 08.....	27.43
4920—St. Paul Boiler Mfg. Co., one stack erected at Phalen Park, June 3, 1908.....	48.00
4921—Standard Oil Co., gasoline, etc., June 3-5-8-27, 1908...	74.00
4922—Robinson & Cary Co., dredge boats supplies, June 3, 1908	35.81
4923—Henry Orme's Sons, dredge boat supplies, June 8-30, 1908	46.01
4924—Robinson & Cary Co., dredge boat supplies, June 9-15-26-30, 1908.....	273.16
4925—John Martin Lumber Co., lumber, May 26-16-9, 1908	129.91
4926—L. L. May & Co., grass seed April 19, 1908.....	45.00
4927—Prendergast Bros., plumbing, repairing fountains, etc., May 15 to 29, 1908.....	127.19
4928—St. Paul Motor Boat Co., repairing launch at Phalen, June 1, 1908.....	75.00
4929—Tierney & Co., feed and bran, June 13, 1908.....	14.12
4930—Loftus Hubbard Elevator Company, oats, June 24, 1908	159.83

4931—C. G. Hartin Coal Co., coal, June 18-22, 190...	8.....	333.52
4932—C. J. Smith & Co., 10 lbs. Carbide, June 15, 1908.....		1.00
4933—Electric Construction Co., Est. No. 1 and final, electric light wiring for Marquise at Como Park pavilion.		171.00
4934—Jos. Haag Roofing and Cornice Co., furnishing and erecting iron extension to cornice and putting on wrought iron guards on Marquis at Como Park pavilion		444.00
4935—Burney Bird Auto Co., Est. No. 1 and final, one automobile		2,805.00
4936—St. Paul Foundry Co., Est. No. 2 and final, iron work on Marquise Como Park.....		1,000.00
4937—John Olson, Est. No. 4, constructing hull of dredge boat, Phalen Park.....		2,000.00
4938—F. Danz, Jr., 8 concerts Como Park, July 5 to July 11, 1908		900.00
4939—F. Danz, Jr., 8 concerts Como Park, July 12 to 18 incl.,		900.00
4940—Jesse Foot, County Treasurer, undivided one-half tax on the E. 12.81 acres of Lot 2,, Sec. 16, Town 29, Range 22.....		8.03
4941—Fraser J. McDonald, condemnation Lot 5, Ramsey County Loan & Trust Co's. subdivision No. 3, (Lexington Boulevard No. 2).....		125.00
4942—Frank Danz, Jr., 8 concerts at Como Park, July 19th to 25th inclusive.....		900.00

AUGUST, 1908.

4943—F. Danz, Jr., 8 concerts Como Park, July 26 to Aug. 1st, inclusive.....		900.00
4944—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll for month of July, 1908, men and teams.....		11,063.89
4945—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll Park police for month of July, 1908.....		780.00
4946—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll of men employed in cutting grass on city streets for month July, 1908.....		595.56
4947—F. Nussbaumer, salary as Supt. for month of July, 1908, and money advanced for incidentals, June 5, July 15, 18, 1908.....		335.71
4948—John Olson, Est. No. 5 and final, constructing dredge boat		450.00
4949—C. H. Johnston, professional services as architect in re new Marquise Como Park pavilion.....		118.95
4950—W. S. Gillam, insurance premium, July 15, 1908.....		62.50
4951—Nelson & Carlson, papering and painting custodian's house at Phalen Park, July 13, 1908.....		43.00
4952—The Fisk Rubber Co., automobile sundries, July 20, 1908		41.50
4953—Minnesota Boiler Compound Company, 1 barrel boiler compound, July 21, 1908.....		35.70
4954—Noyes Bros. & Cutler, oil and paint, June 6-9, 1908....		22.83
4955—Robinson & Cary Co., Pipe die, clls, candle wick, etc., June 30 to July 16, 1908.....		49.67
4956—St. Paul Lime & Cement Co., cement, flue-lining etc., May 20, June 5th, 1908.....		26.82
4957—Farwell, Ozmun, Kirk & Company, scythes. files, screws, etc., June 5 to July 22, 1908.....		59.96

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4958—C. J. Smith & Co., automobile sundries, June 30 to July 13, 1908.....	58.50
4959—Standard Oil Co., gasoline, July 2 to 18, 1908.....	78.31
4960—Schroeder & Weyh, guard plats, etc., June 30, 1908...	29.35
4961—F. G. Leslie Co., toilet paper, July 29, 1908.....	16.00
4962—St. Paul Gas Light Co., electric current furnished motor boat at Phalen Park, May 16 to June 23, 1908	12.00
4963—Schroeder Bros., hay rakes, forks, scythes, etc., July 6, 1908.....	11.55
4964—Mannheimer Bros., bunting, July 13, 1908.....	6.43
4965—H. G. Neal, curtains for launch "Pennock Pussey" Phalen Park.....	28.25
4966—Frank Oliver, services rendered making assessment roll "Wheelock Parkway".....	60.00
4967—F. Danz, Jr., 8 concerts Como Park, Aug. 2 to Aug. 8, 1908	900.00
4968—Clarence E. Burke, Frank G. Burke and Clarence F. Alcott, condemnation Lots 1 to 6, Block 4, Mound Park Addition, (Enlargement Indian Mounds Park)	316.68
4969—F. Danz, Jr., 8 concerts Como Park, August 9 to 15th, inclusive	900.00
4970—F. Danz, Jr., 8 concerts Como Park, Aug. 16 to Aug. 22, inclusive.....	900.00

SEPTEMBER, 1908.

4971—Frank Danz, Jr., 8 concerts, Aug. 23-29 inclusive.....	900.00
4972—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer., pay-roll for month of August, 1908, men and teams.....	9,167.06
4973—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll men employed in cutting grass on City streets, Aug., 1908.....	552.50
4974—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll Park police for month of August, 1908.....	780.00
4975—F. Nussbaumer, salary for month of August, 1908, and money advanced for incidentals, July 11, August 18, 1908.....	334.93
4976—St. Paul Rubber Co., Sterling hose, Aug. 29, 1908.....	42.50
4977—C. J. Smith, batteries and polish, Aug. 6-12, 1908.....	5.85
4978—Tierney & Co., feed and bran, Aug. 3, 1908.....	14.07
4979—John Martin Lumber Co., lumber August 22, 1908....	55.80
4980—Loftus-Hubbard Co., oats, August 13, 1908.....	164.53
4981—Robinson & Cary Co., coppered steel spring wire, August 20, 1908.....	.53
4982—Crane & Ordway Co., engineering supplies, Aug. 10-12-18, 1908.....	2.25
4983—St. Paul Gas Light Co., electric current furnished motor at Phalen Park from June 23 to July 23, 1908	10.00
4984—R. L. Polk & Co., City Directory, August 6, 1908....	7.00
4985—National Fire Repair Co., repairing tires, April 14 to June 6, 1908.....	12.25
4986—The Fisk Rubber Co., repairing rubber tubes, July 9 to 31, 1908.....	17.00
4987—Noyes Bros. & Cutler, sal soda and white arsenic, July 1, 1908.....	15.35
4988—Nicols, Dean & Gregg, bolts, files, etc., July 21-23, 1908	33.50

4989—Standard Oil Co., gasoline, July 25 to August 22, 1908	189.23
4990—Pittsburgh Coal Co., coal, August 15, 1908.....	88.00
4991—Farwell, Ozmun, Kirk & Co., paint, solder, pins, etc., July 27, Aug. 11, 1908.....	7.59
4992—J. J. Romer Construction Co., Est. No. 1, construction of bridge at Riverside Boulevard.....	6,000.00
4993—W. L. Chapin, attorney for Mary C. J. Crosby, lot 16, Block 2, Humphrey's Addition, costs and interest, (Como Parkway Account).....	2,333.97
Total for month of September, 1908.....	\$20,733.91

OCTOBER, 1908.

4994—Ansel Oppenheim, condemnation Block 29, Dayton & Irvine's Addition, taken for "Ramsey Triangle" ..	2,500.00
4995—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll men employed in cutting grass on City streets, September, 1908.	568.39
4996—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll Park police, September, 1908.....	754.00
4997—Otto Bremer, payroll Park employees for September, 1908	7,371.20
4998—F. Nussbaumer, salary as Supt. for month of Sept., 1908, and money advanced for incidentals Sept. 15 to October 3, 1908.....	364.03
4999—F. J. Romer Construction Company, Est. No. 2, construction of bridge over Riverside Boulevard "North"	4,000.00
5000—F. Nussbaumer, expense connected with looking up refreshment features in Chicago Parks, Sept. 26, 1908	26.00
5001—J. F. W. Rick, repairing tools, April 23 to Sept. 11, 1908	2.05
5002—C. G. Hartin Coal Co., coal, Sept. 19, 1908.....	193.38
5003—St. Paul Lime & Cement Co., Portland cement, Aug. 3 to Sept. 25, 1908.....	286.97
5004—Forkelson Carriage Co., rubber tire, Sept. 24, 1908...	56.80
5005—Leibrock & Day, insurance premium, launch, August 8, 1908.....	25.00
5006—Standard Oil Co., gasoline, etc., Sept. 1-26, 1908.....	77.01
5007—St. Paul Gas Light Co., electric current furnished motor at Phalen Park, July 23 to August 30.....	10.00
5008—Richard Price, veterinary services, Aug. 11 to 28, 1908	8.10
5009—Farwell, Ozmun, Kirk & Company, nails, putty and pick handles, Sept 3-25, 1908.....	8.33
5010—Fisk Rubber Co., repairs to Auto, Sept. 25, 1908.....	4.25
5011—Noyes Bros. & Cutler, paint, August 27, 1908.....	2.50
5012—Boeringer & Son, repairing tape line, Sept. 16, 1908...	.35
5013—Ansel Oppenheim, interest on damages awarded for condemnation of the so-called "Ramsey Triangle,"	85.55
5014—Edward J. Schurmeier, damages awarded for condemnation of the E. 5 acres of the W. 25 acres of Lot 2, Section 16, Town 29, Range 22.....	550.00

NOVEMBER, 1908.

5015—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll for month of October, 1908.....	5,635.04
5016—Fred Nussbaumer, salary for Oct., 1908, and money advanced for incidentals, October, 1908.....	349.08
5017—Womack-Foosche Coal Co., coal, Oct. 23, 1908.....	174.65
5018—Loftus-Hubbard Elevator Company, oats, bran, etc., Oct. 7, 1908.....	171.75
5019—K. Van Bourgondien & Sons, bulbs, August, 1908.....	64.50
5020—C. G. Hartin Coal Co., coal, Sept. 21-22, 1908.....	48.57
5021—The Elaterite Paint & Mfg. Company, roof paint, Oct. 14, 1908.....	36.25
5022—Vaughan's Seed Store, bulbs, October, 1908.....	29.70
5023—St. Paul Gas Light Co., electric current supplied motor at Phalen Park, August 20, to Sept., 21, 1908.....	10.00
5024—F. J. Romer Construction Company, Est. No. 3, construction of bridge at Riverside Boulevard....	5,000.00
5025—Brooks Bros., Est. No. 1 and final, furnishing and delivering 36,000 feet of lumber, Nov., 1908.....	612.00
5026—Jennie M. Shepard, purchase blocks 1, 2 and 4, College Place Marshall's Division, Newell Park acct.	5,807.63
5027—5027—John D. O'Brien, attorney for John M. Egan, purchase westerly seven (7) feet of Lot 14, easterly thirty-three feet (33) of lots 15 and 16, westerly seven (7) feet of Lot 17, Kalman's Division No. 3 Addition.....	295.00

DECEMBER, 1908.

5028—F. Nussbaumer, Supt., salary for month of November, 1908, and money advanced for incidentals, May 29 and November 24, 1908.....	336.32
5029—Otto Bremer, City Treasurer, pay-roll, men and teams for month of November, 1908.....	4,391.69
5030—St. Paul Crushed Stone Co., Est. No. 1 and final, crushed lime stone.....	4,950.00
5031—Minnesota Mfg. Supply Co., laying tiles at basement of Como Park Pavilion.....	417.27
5032—John Olson, Est. No. 1, labor and material furnished shingling, plastering, etc., residence and office Como Park.....	541.00
5033—Burney Bird Auto Co., auto supplies and repairs, April 3 to August 10, 1908.....	452.25
5034—W. S. Gilliam, insurance premiums (boats Phalen Park) Nov. 1, 1908.....	56.25
5035—John Martin Lumber Co., lumber, Nov. 3-6-30, 1908..	99.03
5036—Farwell, Ozmun, Kirk & Co., lawn mower, nails, etc., Oct. 12-22, Nov. 9-10-16, 1908.....	68.50
5037—Noyes Bros. & Cutler, sulphur, oil, rosin, etc., Sept. 3, Oct. 14, Nov. 11-12, 1908.....	49.57
5038—John H. Theisen repairing harness, collars, nets, etc., May 13 to Nov., 28, 1908.....	29.00
5039—Robinson & Cary Co., dynamite, powder, fuse, etc., Oct. 14-29, Nov. 19-25-27, 1908.....	42.17
5040—Standard Oil Co., gasoline and oil, July 1, Oct. 13, Nov. 24, 1908.....	35.69

5041—St. Paul Gas Light Co., electric current supplied motor at Phalen Park from Sept. 21 to Oct. 20, 1908.	20.00
5042—Fisk Rubber Co., repairs to automobile, Aug. 24, 1908.	8.75
5043—Schurmeier Wagon Co., glass in rear curtain in auto, Oct. 17, 1908.	1.50
5044—Loftus-Hubbard Elevator Company, feed, bran and oats, December 2, 1908.	232.69
5045—C. G. Hartin Coal Co., coal, Nov. 30th, 1908.	285.12
5046—Tierney & Co., Oats, Nov. 14, 1908.	150.00
5047—St. Paul Lime & Cement Co., Portland cement, Nov. 11 to 18 incl., 1908.	155.62
5048—Art Engraving Co., etching maps of Parkway, Dec., 5, 1908.	43.75
5049—Twin City Brick Co., Est. No. 1, granite and granite dust	600.00
5050—Transit Supply Co., incandescent lamps, Oct. 30, 1908.	9.00
Total for month of September, 1908.	\$181,927.08

TRANSFERS.

Jany. 28, 1908—J. A. Stees Lots 2, 3, 11, 21, part of 29 Block 17, Suburban Hills Addition.	\$1,799.35
March 5, 1908—Mississippi River Boulevard No. 2 award for damages	373.61
April 20th, 1908—Anna L. Johnson Lot 20 Block 17 Overbrook Addition.	68.31
June 18th, 1908—Part Lot 5, Block 2, A. D. Mackey's Lakeview Addition taken for Phalen Park.	23.08
June 24th, 1908—Mississippi River Boulevard No. 2, Res. Nov. 4, 1907.	2,035.00
July 6th, 1908—W. G. White, attorney for J. G. Daggett, Lot "B" Desnoyer Park Addition.	500.00

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ST. PAUL PLAYGROUNDS COMMITTEE.

To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners:

Gentlemen:

Permit us to submit the following report upon Playgrounds for the year ending December 31, 1908.

When the City Council in February, 1905, passed the ordinance placing the conduct of Playgrounds in your Board, it was with the understanding that you should be relieved of as much as possible of the detail work by an Advisory Committee of three citizens, appointed by the Mayor and to be known as the City Playgrounds Committee. We had the honor to be chosen as that Committee, and in accordance with the purpose of the ordinance gave attention to the acquiring, development and maintenance of the Playgrounds, under your advice and counsel. In the natural evolution of the system, however, the detail work has been taken up by the Superintendent of Parks and the Supervisor of Playgrounds. While in the earlier years of our service, therefore, our annual reports dealt of necessity with details of the work, we now need only to communicate with you relative to the general conduct of the system and plans for the future, leaving the other phases of the work to be presented in the reports of the Superintendent of Parks and the Supervisor of Playgrounds.

Indeed the work has reached a point where we are inclined to the view that our Committee, as such, has served its purpose, and might perhaps better be abolished and to one member of your own Board be delegated the special consideration of Playgrounds. This would lessen the machinery of administration, at the same time, perhaps, promoting the best interests of the cause. We are firmly of the opinion that Playgrounds are to be an established feature of our City in the years to come, and that they will grow in numbers and importance until their administration will become a large work in itself, and it may be wisest that a separate city board of commissioners be established for this purpose. Be this as it may, however, we have some recommendations to offer, and we trust that with the further development of the work, changes in administration such as we have suggested may be made only when it is clearly shown that the work has outgrown the old plan.

It has long been apparent that money should be provided for acquiring and improving sites, the \$10,000.00 permitted by our Charter being sufficient only for maintenance of a reasonable number of grounds after they are provided. Accordingly the Committee has made a careful study of plans, and has decided that the best way is through legislative action by the State enabling a bond issue for this purpose. We have caused a bill to be drawn up, which is already before you, and which

will shortly be introduced in the legislature. This is an act to provide for a bond issue to the amount of \$100,000.00 by cities of 50,000 population or over; not more than \$25,000.00 of this sum, however, to be issued in any one year. Should this bill become a law, as we strongly hope it will, (for it has the sanction of many of the city's officials and leading citizens), we shall be in a position to add many fold to our present facilities, and to accomplish relatively greater results.

To those who are inclined to think the above figures a large sum "to be expended for such purpose," permit us to state that after careful study of the subject and close observation of the benefits of Playgrounds in our own and other large cities, that we consider money spent in this way one of the best investments a city can make even from an economic standpoint, because of the great gain in the health of the children and the prevention of lawlessness.

As an example of how other people and other municipalities are weighing this matter, we ask your attention for a passing glimpse of what has been going on elsewhere throughout the country this year. Brooklyn had during the past summer twenty-two vacation playgrounds, three open-air playgrounds, seven playgrounds for mothers and babies and two evening roof playgrounds. St. Louis had seventeen grounds open, their first year under the control of the city government. At Cleveland \$7,000.00 was put into one new Playground for little children.

The School Committee of Boston voted to spend \$58,000.00 on Playgrounds, in addition to the Park Board's appropriation of \$25,000.00 for Playgrounds. Philadelphia had 59 Playgrounds open for two months at a cost of about \$30,000.00 Dayton, Ohio, spent \$75,000 on the purchase of its first public playground, erecting on it a fine large field house, with all modern conveniences. Milwaukee is buying a number of playground sites through a bond issue on the plan of ten annual payments, the initial payment in each case being small. They consider this a good investment, and expect to contract for the purchase of still other pieces of ground in the near future. The Committee on Appropriations for Greater Pittsburgh saw fit to set aside \$48,000.00 for Playground maintenance for the year, and Baltimore had thirty grounds open.

And not only are the large cities concerned about the matter of providing recreation facilities for the young, but in many places, both east and west, the small town has made a timely start by the purchase of property, while it is available, and has immediately set about equipping it and providing trained supervision.

Ohio and New Jersey have passed Playground legislation. But perhaps the most remarkable of all that has occurred in the full year of 1908 is the adoption by twenty-three cities in Massachusetts of a Playground law passed by the legislature in the spring, and requiring every town of 10,000 to provide and maintain at least one playground at the public expense, the larger cities to provide as a minimum number

a playground for every 20,000 of population. The votes in favor of this were to the votes against acceptance of the law as six to one.

The Second Annual Playground Congress held in New York in September, and to which we sent Supervisor Rothfuss as our representative, brought together 400 delegates from various cities of the country and a large number of expert leaders along these lines, for inspirational lessons, practical conferences and three outdoor play festivals with playground games and athletic demonstrations and folk dancing of surpassing interest. This event, as well as the public dinner given in the spring in honor of Mrs. Humphrey Ward, whose name stands for so much in the playground work and vacation schools of London, have brought vividly before the public the greatness of this movement and its future possibilities. "The Playground," published for the second year by the Playgrounds Association of America, has offered the freshest news and ideas on the subject, devoting special numbers to reports of successful work in certain cities and presenting field notes gathered by Mr. Hammer, the "playground drummer" for the Association.

It is of peculiar interest to see, in the Secretary's notes through what varied organizations the people have been voicing their desire for Playgrounds, and have been making the first efforts at establishing them. Town Improvement Associations, Civic Leagues, Commercial Clubs, Labor Unions, Women's Clubs, Mothers' Clubs, Churches, the W. C. T. U., the Y. M. C. A., State Universities, Boards of Trade, and most frequently the Park Board, School Board or a Playground Association of citizens have been the pioneers in Playground work in different communities. It is a significant fact, however, that the final purpose and tendency is to bring the movement under municipal control and support and to firmly establish it as one of the departments of city government. St. Paul is to be congratulated that it so early in its playground history took this step.

We note with gladness the change of attitude of the School authorities of our city toward Playground idea. The plans just adopted for the district high school system carry with them the acquisition of a tract of land about the Lexington Avenue High School which will afford space for, and which will doubtless be utilized by the school authorities for an athletic field for the pupils of High School age. This is a step in the right direction. The tendency is natural for the various features of this movement to develop in the several departments of the city here, as elsewhere. Harriet Island, combining a large playground with public baths, family picnic grounds and day nursery, is under the jurisdiction of the Health Department.

Very naturally too, playgrounds of varying size and scope of usefulness will be developed in different quarters of the city, according to the opportunities which present for their establishment, and to the peculiar needs of each section. The idea of at least a small play space, under proper supervision, adjacent to every grade school is rapidly growing in public favor and we trust that the vacation schools may

prove a strong factor in bringing about a plan for co-relation of forces in the playground and school work that may result in attaining this idea.

We trust also that there will not be such segregation of interests as to complicate matters, or to impair the utility of any part of this system of playgrounds and play-schools, but that ultimately there may be a unifying of the system under the city government for the sake of both economy and practical service.

We have at present three excellent grounds of nearly uniform area, each with a shelter house, shower baths, and a fair equipment of apparatus, etc. All are in need of added improvements in the way of planting, grading, and additional shelter space, when the necessary funds are available.

We wish to call special attention to the fact that on each of the three Playgrounds this winter skating rinks have been provided, and excellent supervision maintained. As a result upwards of 2,000 children may enjoy each day the exhilaration and training which this sport affords.

Your Committee has long felt, and has previously recommended, that the half block adjoining the Jefferson Street Playground should be acquired while it is yet unimproved and while, therefore, the price is very low.

It is hoped also that arrangements may be speedily made for the exchange of the site on Dayton's Bluff, so that it may be improved and a fourth complete playground added to our number.

Following is a condensed statement of the Playground Fund to Dec. 31st, 1908, as evidenced by the City's books:

Commendation is due to Professor Carl Rothfuss for the able and conscientious performance of his duties as Supervisor. The arrangement with the Young Men's Christian Association whereby he has been enabled to serve both as Physical Director of that institution and Supervisor of Playgrounds has proven very satisfactory, and we were pleased to recommend his employment for the coming year upon the same basis as heretofore.

Due credit should also be accorded Miss Emma M. Larson, the Chairman's private Secretary, who has done excellent work not only in keeping the records and doing the correspondence of our Committee, but by careful study of the subject in general and in collecting facts for our information.

You will find appended to this the Supervisor's Annual report to our Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. DUNNING,
Chairman Playground Committee.

JOHN F. FISHER,
Secretary.

REV. GEO. H. TEN BROECK.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

To the Playground Committee:

Gentlemen:

I herewith present to you my second Annual report as Supervisor of the St. Paul City Playgrounds for the year ending December 31, 1908.

On account of the many inquiries from organizations in this and other cities, it seems fitting to preface the report of the past year with a short history of the playgrounds movement in St. Paul, taken from the first Annual Report.

The playground movement in our city was the direct outgrowth of a conference between the officers of the Civic League and the Commercial Club. As a result of this conference a joint committee was suggested, consisting of members from each of these bodies.

The committee was organized in October, 1903, and went to work immediately. After careful consideration and study of the experience of other cities, a few fixed principles of action were adopted. In the first place, it was decided that the enterprise should be a municipal one throughout and supported by public funds, rather than a citizens' movement supported by public subscriptions. In accordance with this plan the Committee appeared before the City Conference Committee in November, and asked that they recommend an appropriation by the City Council of \$10,000 for the purpose of developing, equipping and operating playgrounds. The Conference dealt most considerately with the Committee, and inquired carefully into the subjects. It seemed wisest to them, however, to limit expenditures at first, so they voted to recommend \$2,500 for the purpose instead of the sum asked for. This amount the City Council sanctioned, and directed the Comptroller to set aside, subject to expenditure by the Committee, with his approval. With this small sum in hand, it was also thought best to attempt but one playground the first year, since one well equipped and properly conducted would be more productive of good than several only partially developed.

After conferring with the city officials, a tract of ground in the Eighth ward, adjacent to the Scheffer school was selected, upon which a very artistic shelter house 33x35 was erected. The structure is of wood, and the floor is of cement. The shelter house has a play room in the center, and shower baths and toilet room on each side; one for girls and one for boys. The gymnasium apparatus consisted of nine swings, two rings, four climbing poles, one seesaw, one giant stride, one pair of parallel bars, one horizontal bar, two pairs of jumping standards, basket ball court, tennis court, raquets and balls, base-balls, bats, quoits.

The cost of the preliminary work proved so great that it soon became apparent that more money would be needed to carry the plans of the season to completion. A ball game was arranged between teams

composed of the Town and Country Club on the one hand, and those of the Commercial Club on the other. The ladies of the Civic League did excellent work in selling tickets. The net proceeds of the game \$500, so replenished the funds that the season closed with a small balance on hand. This the Committee used during that winter in preparing for the next season.

Convinced that the playgrounds should be under the control and management of the city government, the Committee went before the Charter Commission and asked that an amendment to the Charter carrying this provision be submitted to the people at the November election. Following is a copy of the amendment:

"To provide and maintain public playgrounds and places of recreation for children, and to levy the necessary tax to acquire and support the same, not exceeding in any one year the sum of ten thousand dollars."

This amendment was carried, having received somewhat more than the necessary 3-5 of all votes cast, and it now remained for the City Council to determine with whom the management should be placed, and the amount of money to be expended each year. An ordinance was drafted placing it in the hands of the Park Board. It was thought by having distinct lines of demarkation between the two funds, the clerical work and the supervision were placed with the Park Board, while a Civic Committee and a paid supervisor relieved the Board of the burdensome details. When the City Conference Committee met in November, 1903, the argument was advanced that the fact of the amendment being adopted by the people, although the last on the list, proved that it was really the most popular amendment, and that the people want playgrounds; that the first cost of installing playgrounds is so great, and the need so pressing that the maximum amount allowable under the Amendment (\$10,000) should be appropriated.

The Conference Committee accordingly adopted a resolution recommending to the City Council the appropriation of that sum for the year 1905. At the present time the city has three playgrounds and many requests have come to the Playground Committee asking for the establishment of others, but under the Charter, the Committee cannot get more than \$10,000 per year, and it is, therefore, impossible to meet these requests.

DIRECTORS.

Each of the three playgrounds was in charge of two directors, a man and a woman.

The young men in charge were either leaders from the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium or college men with several years experience in gymnastics, athletics and games.

The women were kindergarten teachers with a thorough training along this line of work.

The young men kept the apparatus in repair and conducted the

gymnastics, games and field sports for the boys; the young women had charge of the physical work of the girls and also of the boys of kindergarten age.

All directors remained through the entire season and gave the very best satisfaction. That they were very much interested in their work is shown by the largest attendance in the history of the City Playgrounds.

RECORDS AND REPORTS.

Reports of attendance at the different grounds were made weekly by the directors in charge. These reports were based on estimates made twice a day. The number of baths given are in exact figures. Each bather received a numbered check this also prevented a child from being crowded out of its turn. It was thereby possible to tell from week to week whether the number of baths taken at the different grounds increased or decreased and inquiries were made as to the cause. The weather is a strong factor in the variation and extraordinary weather conditions were noted in these reports. Another new feature was the weekly reports of the directors, giving their opinion as to supplies and repairs necessary. It was not always possible or advisable to grant these requests, but the ideas suggested were very valuable.

EQUIPMENT.

The equipments on all the grounds are very near alike and are of the simplest and strongest construction. All supports are of iron piping, sunk from 4 to 6 feet into the ground in a bed of cement, the ropes are spliced over pulleys, the giant strides move on ball bearings; horizontal and parallel bars, climbing poles and ropes are securely fastened and easily put up or taken down in very little time.

SESSION.

The Como and Arlington Hills Ground were opened May first. The Jefferson street could not be opened before August 1st owing to the grading of grounds and the building of a shelter house. The summer season closed Nov. 1st, without any serious accident. The few slight injuries that occurred were immediately looked after by the directors with their first aid treatment.

The skating season began Dec. 4th, and is affording the children much amusement and recreation. After school hours and Saturdays the rinks are crowded with merry children. The shelter houses are used as warming rooms. The directors look after the comfort of the children and keep the rinks in good condition.

PROGRAM.

Each playground had a program, which was very general, easily and often changed to meet the demands. Every ground has its distinct

needs, which required entirely distinct and individual management, so far as details go.

It is not possible to conduct a playground where the predominant parentage is Bohemian and Italian in the same way as one where it is German and Swedish. The child's home training, duties and hours are different and affect the playground occupations and interest. The directors therefore studied their neighborhoods thoroughly and the result was that they received the hearty approval and very effective co-operation of the teachers of the public schools and of the parents, who came to the grounds more frequently this year than ever before.

The discipline was satisfactory. Occasionally a child was suspended for quarreling, throwing stones and other misbehavior of like character. This usually had the desired result—the early return of the transgressor with a plea for forgiveness and the promise of future good conduct.

The moral influences cannot be gauged by any standard of material measure. Yet in the bearing and conduct of individuals there is no greater or more vital force for the elevation and cultivation of character. In this regard the playgrounds have proven a great blessing to the children.

Every child attending has received better ideas of discipline, obedience and action in concert with his fellow playmates.

The influence of healthy sports and games under supervision and with due regard to personal care and habits should be remembered. The restraining influence on a community of children tends to curb the naturally unruly, who, if neglected may become wards of the juvenile court and probation home.

GAMES.

The indoor games were Block, Dominoes, Flinch, Authors, Checkers, Muggins, Battleship, Animals, etc.

Outdoor games consisted of LaCrosse, Base, Basket and Football, Croquet, Tennis and Quoits. The Arlington Hill's team won the baseball championship. Football was very popular during the fall months and each playground had several teams.

Considerable interest was shown by the girls in basketball. During the session of the summer school each grade at the Scheffer and Phalen Park schools had teams, which practiced daily. The Misses Slack and Blodgett coached the teams and also officiated at the match games.

LIBRARY.

Branches of the Public Library were established on all the grounds July 20th and closed Sept. 1st. The children were granted the privilege of drawing out books and keeping them at their homes for one week. About two hundred children took advantage of this and 587 books were thus loaned.

The children were careful with the books, prompt in returning them and none were lost.

FIELD DAY AND PICNIC.

More than four thousand children gathered on Harriet Island, Friday, July 31st, for the joint field meet and picnic of the summer schools and playgrounds. Principal Dietrich Lange, of the summer schools, the playground directors and the summer school teachers assisted loyally in carrying it through to a successful conclusion. All the children wore badges, showing just where they were enrolled and who was responsible for them. Otherwise it would have been impossible to control them, and moreover, other children would have taken advantage of the privileges intended only for those who belonged to the picnic crowd proper.

From eleven to two o'clock the children had the free use of the baths. Dinner was served at one o'clock and an hour later the program of athletic sports began. Considerable interest was shown in the half mile relay race between teams representing the four summer schools, each boy receiving a handsome watch. These watches as well as the other prizes for all the events, were provided from the Commercial Clubs' Fourth of July fund.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The usefulness and influence of the playgrounds depend upon the character and qualifications of those in charge. The directors demonstrated their possession of the requisite patience and good judgment. To their conscientious efforts and efficient service much of the year's success is due. But the directors were very much handicapped by not having the necessary facilities to do more successful work.

More apparatus, tables, chairs and indoor games are needed for next season.

At the present time our playgrounds are only bare spots of graveled ground. All available space not devoted to play activities should be beautified by sodding and the planting of trees and shrubbery.

I would also recommend the building of a new shelter house at the Como Grounds, the present one being in bad condition.

With sincere appreciation to the Playground Committee, to the Park Board and the Commercial Club for their kind co-operation and assistance in making the past year the most successful in the history of the playground movement in our city.

Respectfully submitted

CARL F. ROTHFUSS,
Supervisor.

COMO PLAYGROUNDS.

Attendance.	Bath—Boys.	Bath—Girls.	Total.
60,308	3,409	1,695	5,044

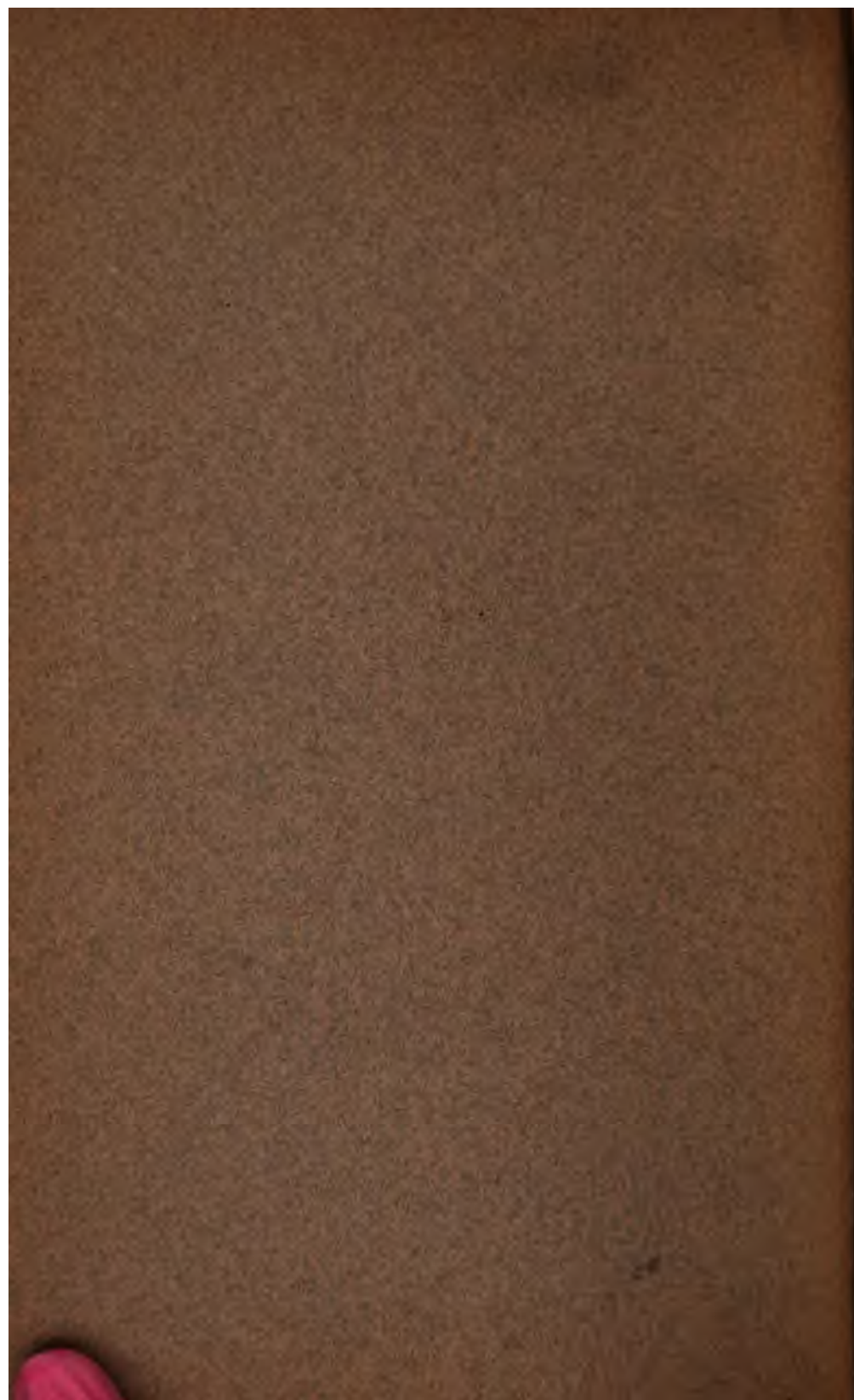
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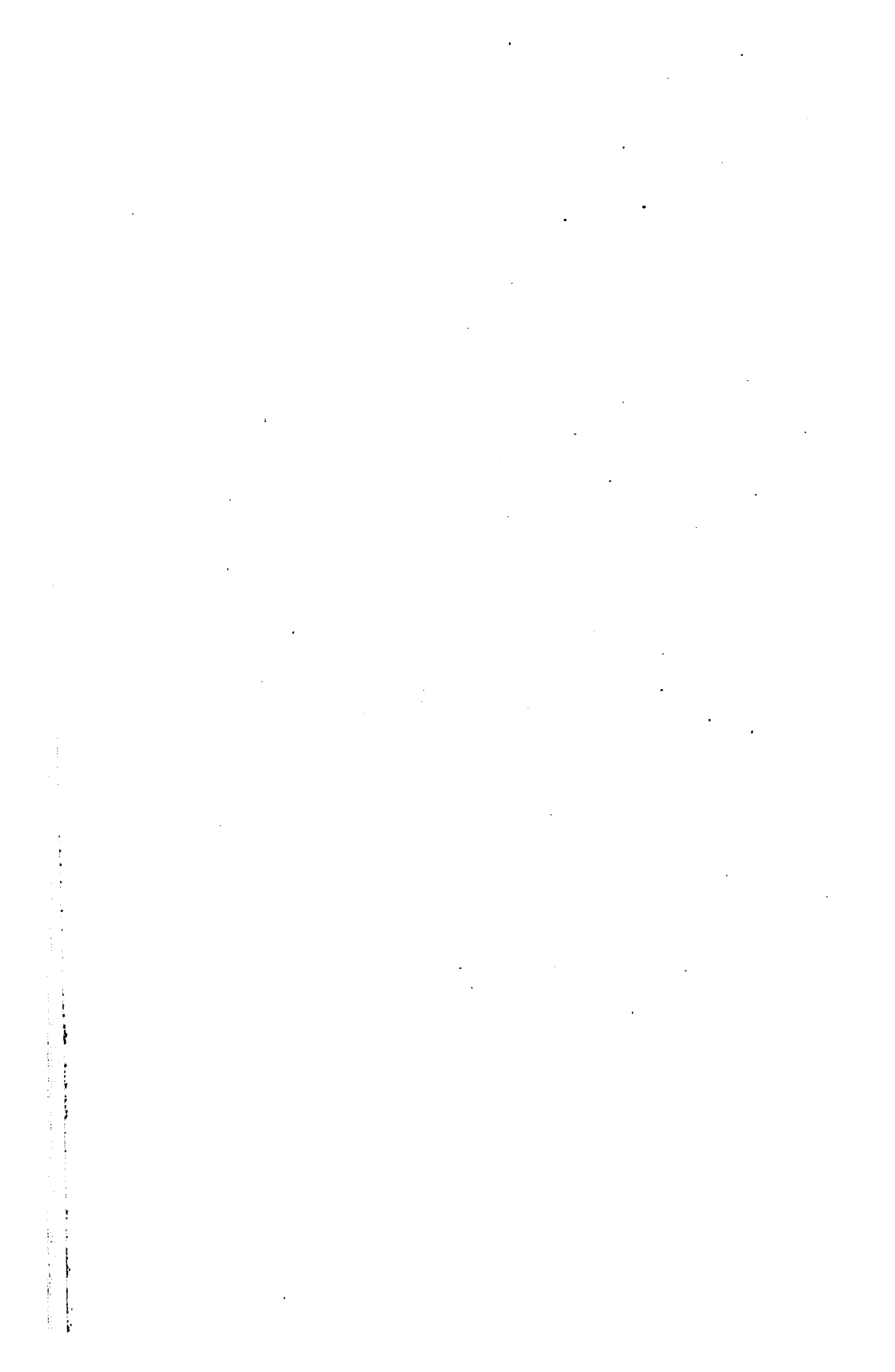
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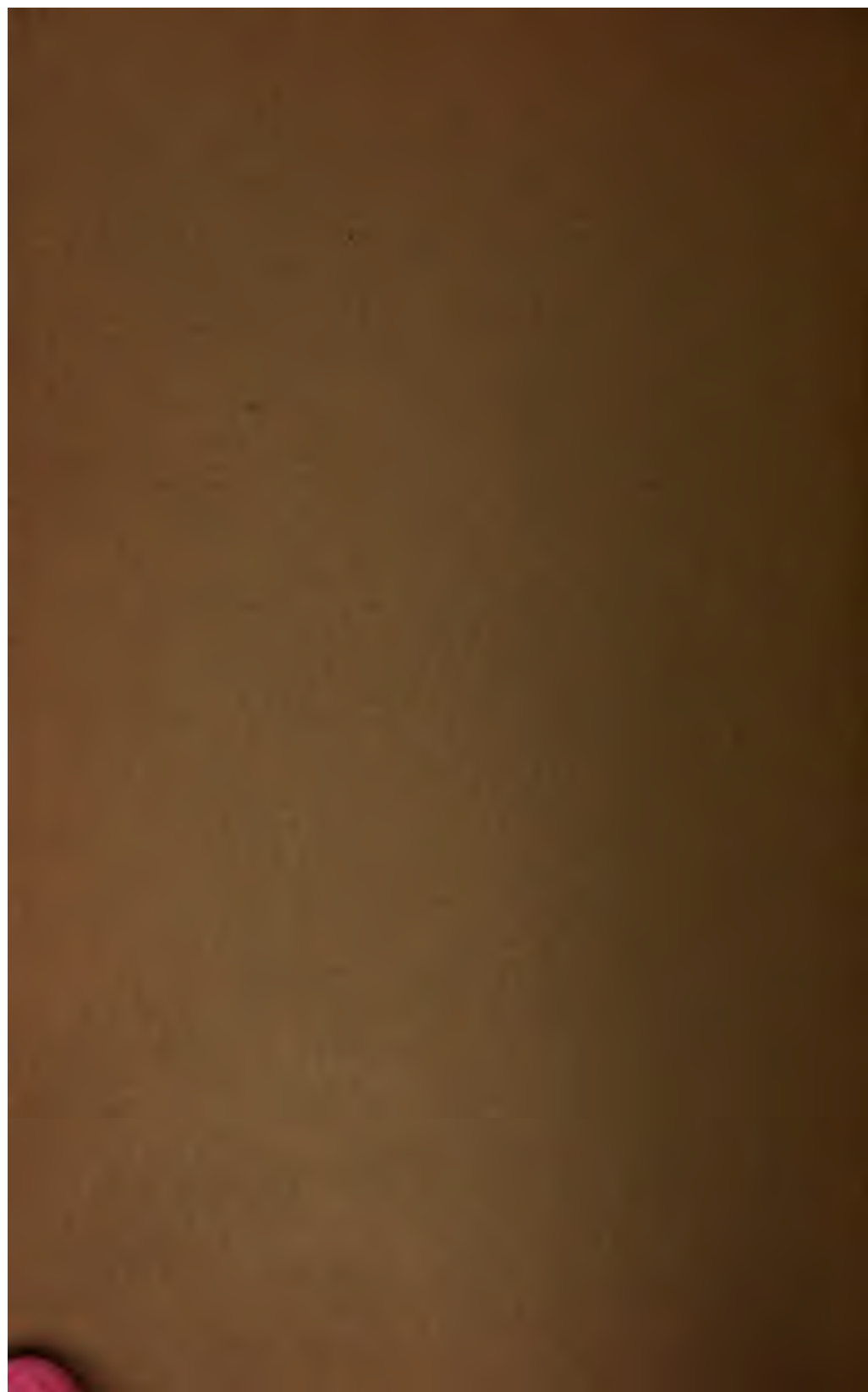
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